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Clinton's First 100 Days: A Painful 'Baptism by Brush Fire'

By Ann Devroy and Ruth Marcus

Washington Part Service
WASHINGTON -- President Bill Clinton promised to focus like a "laser" on the economy, but the first 100 days of his administration have looked more like a light show, flickering from Russian aid to national service, the reinvention of government to gays in the military to Bosnia

In part because of his ambitious and broad-ranging agenda, in part because of the inevitable interference of foreign and domestic crises, Mr. Clinton's start in office has been a painful relearning of the lessons of previous presidents: that "uncertainty and unpredictability," as the White House communications director, George Stephanopoulos, put it, are the central facts of life in the White House. The ability of the president to keep the focus on a set of identified goals is

Mr. Clinton's start in office has been what one presidential scholar called a "baptism by brush fire" that has left the new president without the clear picture that be and his team had hoped would be in place by now.

There was little doubt in the public mind that Ronald Reagan's agenda was Mr. Reagan's agenda in the sense of it representing an authentic identity, said Dan Thomas, a University of fowa political scientist.

There was, quite obviously, no such certainty for George Bush," be said. "One bundred days into the Clinton presidency, one wonders anew, Who is Bill Clinton and what does he want to do with his presidency?"

Despite the unparalleled forum of the
White House and a mandate for activism. Mr. Clinton has moved few Americans to his side beyond the 43 percent who voted for him. He has a historically high disapproval

rating (39 percent) and an approval rating (59 percent) among the lowest of any elected president at this point in his term. For a president who is trying, as he often puts it, to "do something," it is no surprise there are doubters. Mr. Clinton believes that pressing for quick action on the economy, health care and other issues will pay divi-

dends in time. In interviews with White House officials, Democratic and Republican activists and students of the presidency, Mr. Clinton is given his highest marks for bringing the energy and vitality of a new, activist approach to replace the cautious reaction and intellectual exhaustion that characterized the end of 12 years of Republican rule.

Most give Mr. Clinton credit for confronting two of the nation's most difficult problems: the federal budget deficit and health care. And many say they believe that his stumbles — over selection of an attorney general, bomosexuals in the military, and a relatively modest stimulus plan to boost the economy through jobs and social spending can be overcome by a sustained commit to economic revitalization and health care

But students of government and the presidency fear — and Republicans hope — that the policy is too diffuse and that the stumbles signify not just transitory missteps but evi-dence of a president who may have continu-

defice or a president who may nave continuing difficulty maneuvering in Washington.

Mr. Clinton, in press conferences and speeches last week, acknowledged that he had learned some bitter lessons from his first months and would "focus anew" on the "big things." He added that he may have "overex-

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What he said then:

"I want one of those great 100 days in which Congress would adopt my health care and education policies, my energy and economic initiatives, and where the private sector would become engaged in a whole new partnership to make this country great again."

- Candidate Clinton, in a Fortune magazine interview in spring

What he says now:

"I learned that things are not going to change quite as fast as I wanted them to.

- President Clinton, responding to a reporter's question Thursday.

 Almost half the 5,600 readers who took part in the Trib Competition predicted that Mr. Clinton would have an approval rating of just over 60 percent at the end of his first 100 days in office. They may have shot a bittle

Readers were asked in January to estimate his approval rating in the first Louis Harris poll to be published after the 100 days expired. While those results won't be known until after polling ends on May 4, there are already two possible indicators.

A survey by Democratic and Republican poll-takers put the president's approval rating at 55 percent, and a Washington Post-ABC News survey found it to be 59 percent.

The Trib Competition (first prize: a round-trip Concorde flight from Paris to New York, or equivalent) has three additional questions as tie-breakers: The Dow Jones industrial average, the Trib Index, and the value of the dollar in Deutsche marks or yen at the 4 P.M. close in New York — all on April 30.

Those three figures will be published in Monday's International Herald Tribune.

U.S. Scurries To Remedy Unexpected **Economy Jolt**

Bentsen Asks Allies For New Commitments To Improve Growth

By Lawrence Malkin

International Revold Tril WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy stumbled badly during the first quarter of 1993, the government reported Thursday, prompting the Clinton administration to press its trading partners abroad and its supporters in Congress

After rebounding vigorously last fall at an annual rate of 4.7 percent, the gross domestic product grew by only 1.8 percent this winter. Some slowdown was considered inevitable, but the preliminary estimate Thursday was as much

as a full percentage point worse than expected, reflecting less growth in almost all sectors.

The figures were published as Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen met here with the Group of Seven finance ministers. He told reporters be wanted "a further commitment to growth" from the other major industrial nations — in particular from lower interest rates in Europe, where growth is dismal."

He basically got what he wanted in the G7 communique released late Thursday, which put forward a three-part strategy for global eco-nomic growth, combining interest rate cuts in Europe, higher government outlays in Japan and budget-deficit cuts in North America.

While unveiling no new initiatives, the nations piedged to continue economic policies already under way in hopes that these policies hold-the key to bolstering global output.

U.S. officials said they would push for enactions of the product of the policies hold-the key to bolstering global output.

ment of President Bill Clinton's deficit-reduction program, while Japan discussed its eco-nomic stimulus package and Germany held out the hope of further interest rate cuts in the future (Earlier article, Page-13)

Noting that private demand is weak and unemployment is rising in some European countries, the G-7 saw room for further interest rate cuts in the region to spur growth.

"Medium-term budget consolidation plans and containment of labor costs and inflation pressures will create room for a further decline in interest rates," the G-7 said.

On the currency markets, the nations said: "We agreed that exchange rates should reflect economic fundamentals and that excessive volatility is undesirable. We reviewed recent developments in foreign-exchange markets and affirmed our continued commitment to close cooperation." That language represented an implicit pledge by the United States to stop talking up the yea, even though the Japanese currency wasn't mentioned. Tokyo has complained that the steep rise of the yen in recent

President Clinton, meanwhile, applied politi-cal muscle to Congress for help with the economy, the declared focus of his presidency. In ftold-you-so remarks to Democratic members of Congress, he said the GDP figures proved "that the administration was right in trying to hedge against this economic slow growth" by proposing a stimulus program.

The administration's problem is that much of the recent growth in the economy stems from industrial streamlining that increases produc-

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A Craxi Crisis Spoils Start of Ciampi's Term

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - Hours after Italy's 52d postwar government took office promising renewal, Parliament voted late Thursday to block a key judicial investigation into the affairs of Bertino Craxi, the former Socialist prime minister, plunging Italy into a crisis even before the new leaders had tasted power.

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Parliament's action, which stunned many here, seemed to set a national mood for reform against a legislature clinging to the emblems of its past. For many Italians, Mr. Craxi, the former Socialist leader, is a symbol of the discredited elite that ran the country for much of the postwar era.

Within minutes of the ballot, the Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the Communists. said it was withdrawing its support from the

said it was windrawing its support from the newly inaugurated reformist government of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi.

Four newly appointed cabinet ministers— three ex-Communists in power for the first time

in 46 years, and a Green party environmentalist
— reportedly were planning to quit, threatening the government's future only 12 hours after it was sworn in.
Parliament's decision, said the small but in-

Inential Republican Party, another important supporter of the new government, "shows that the lower house is no longer able to express the feelings of the Italian people." It called for immediate elections.

Despite the confusion, however, Mr. Ciampi's administration said in a statement that it would seek a planned confidence vote next

The charges of corruption against Mr. Craxi had been a centerpiece of investigations by Milan magistrates over the last 15 months into what prosecutors have depicted as a buge web of corruption linking more than 1,500 business-men and politicians in the routine trade of bribes for public works contracts.

In a complicated ballot late Thursday, however, the 630-member Chamber of Deputies restricted the investigation of Mr. Craxi to purported wrongdoing in Rome, meaning that he has escaped inquiries into the more serious accusation that he took bribes worth \$29 mil-

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A Home for East Europe In Brave New EC Market?

By Tom Buerkle

onal Herald Tribune BRUSSELS - The EC Commission, responding to criticism that its protectionist barriers have slowed economic reform in Eastern Europe, has endorsed an accelerated opening of the European Community market and a strengthened commitment to eventual membership to the Eastern countries, commission and omatic sources said Thursday.

In a proposal that must be approved by the 12 member states, the commission is calling for a "significant" opening of the EC market to six East European countries, a commission source

The plan would speed the removal of EC import restrictions on such items as footwear, textiles and steel, where the Community has erected new barriers recently to stem a rising tide of cheap Eastern imports, another commission source said.

The proposal also includes stronger political cooperation and enhanced consultations between the Community and Eastern Europe,

Although it does not give a timetable for membership, the proposal clearly offers the "reasonable assurance" of membership if prerequisites oo democracy and economic reform are met, an EC diplomat said. Currently, the Community has established a

transition period of four to seven years for phasing out tariffs on imports of certain items from Eastern Europe. The tariffs cover most of the areas where Eastern Europe is competitive. Commission sources declined to specify how

much that timetable would be accelerated under the proposal. A source said the most sensitive areas for the Community — such items as steel and textiles, which have the longest transi-tion period — would see the least acceleration. Reuters, quoting commission sources, re-

removed in two years rather than four years. The plan is likely to face strong opposition from several member states that fear increased imports from the East at a time of deep reces-

Indeed, although the commission approved the main outlines of the proposal at its weekly meeting Wednesday, internal opposition over

Commission Endorses Faster Opening wording continued to hold up release of the document, which was not expected before Fri-

> The market openings and political consulta-tions also do not go as far or as fast as the East European countries have been demanding,

Still, the proposal is broadly in line with the position of Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner for external affairs, who has championed a more liberal trading stance for the Community to encourage economic reform in the East.

"Eastern Europeans cannot get everything immediately," the EC diplomat said. "But the main thing is a positive orientation for their trade: increased imports.

Although acknowledging opposition from southern EC members that fear imports of agricultural goods, textiles and other items from the East, and even some resistance from Germany, whose free-trade stance has been shaken by the crisis in its steel industry, this diplomat said prospects were "fairly good" that the proposal would be adopted by EC heads of government at the June summer meeting in Copenhagen.

The proposal would update a strategy drawn up last year by Sir Leon's predecessor. Frans driessen, that set out a framework for closer political and economic ties between the Community and East European countries with which it has signed association agreements: Poland, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak republics, Romania and Bulgaria.

A commission source called it an "evolution, not a revolution" of the Andriessen strategy of gradually opening the EC market and holding out the prospect of membership.

The commission's call for a more liberal approach follows increasing complaints from Eastern Europe in recent months over the imposition of new EC barriers to imports of steel, meat and livestock.

ported that in some cases the tariffs would be "It seems that the proposals are quite open-minded," said Jan Kulakowski, the Polish ambassador to the Community. He said that the recent trade restrictions had been "rather damaging" to Poland.

Peter Gottfried, deputy head of Hungary's See EUROPE, Page 15

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Costa Rica Gunmen Free 18 Judges, **Ending 4-Day Standoff Peacefully**

assistants Thursday, peacefully ending a four-day armed standoff, the Costa Rican security minister, Luis Fishman, an-

Mr. Fishman said that all hostages had been freed and that the gummen were en route to the San José airport. Earlier, the gunmen had requested safe passage to Bra-zil, but he did not say where they were

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Gummen released 18 Supreme Court justices and five assistants Thursday, peacefully ending a clerks. One justice said by telephone that they had tied some of the hostages to chairs and taped and wired them with dynamite.

Initially, the gunmen demanded a \$20 million ransom, which they later reduced to \$8 million, while also requesting the release of unspecified prisoners on trial and safe passage to Brazil.

The gunmen later freed one of the captive justices for health reasons.

China and Taiwan Start Down a New Road

As China and Taiwan wrapped up their historic meeting in Singapore with four agreements, a new channel of regular communications opened between the former rivals. Increased exchanges and closer cooperation in such areas as fighting crime are to be the order of the day. As the Taiwan delegate, C. F. Koo, put it: "Both sides have won." (Page 5)

Anguish in Congress on Bosnia Intervention

As the Clinton administration weighs new action on the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina that could involve the U.S. militarity, members of Congress, sharply divided over the issue, are haunted by the specters of the Vietnam War and the Holocaust. (Page 2)

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The chairman of Lloyd's of London, David Rowland, as he unveiled a sweeping restructuring plan for the insurance exchange.

Lloyd's of London Battens the Hatches

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON — With losses mounting and its reputation sagging, Lloyd's of Loudon announced on Thursday its most sweeping restructuring in its 305-year history as its chairman warned that changes must be made if the market is to survive losses which he said could total £6 billion (\$9.4 billion) over four years. "We are saying that we cannot do things the way we did them in the past because look what

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service

pair fire damage at her out-of-town residence at Windsor Castle, Queen Elizabeth II said Thurs-

day that she was throwing open the doors of

Buckingham Palace in London and charging

tourists the equivalent of about \$12.50 to tour

The announcement means that for the first

time, visitors will be able to move beyond the

iron gates of the imposing building across from

St. James Park, where eager tourists now gather

daily by the thousands on spring and summer

mornings to watch the changing of the guard.

According to royal advisers, the palace will

open for eight weeks this summer, beginning

the second week of August. The summer open-

ing time coincides with a period that the queen

her state apartments and picture gallery.

LONDON - Strapped for cash to help re-

happened to us," David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said at a news conference. He said that in a difficult insurance market generally, Lloyd's had managed to do worse than most. He pinned the blame for that failure on a host of self-generated problems ranging from costs that were allowed to balloon out of control to regulation that had never quite found.

The changes detailed in the bound, 70-page plan were billed as "radical," and even the market's harshest critics were inclined to agree.

pressed syndicates.

What it promises for its members is a moreefficient, responsive and crucially slimmeddown organization. Mr. Rowland said that many of the changes had come too late and that the wealthy individ-uals who have supplied the market with its

See LLOYD'S, Page 15 At Buckingham Palace, Pay-Per-View

> ment announced that there would be entrance charges for the first time on visitors to Windsor Castle, where tours were resumed earlier this year after last fall's fire. Details of the queen's decision, revealed Thursday, underscored a growing openness on the part of Buckingham Palace to address

> mounting public criticism over the public cost

of supporting the queen, her family and various

At the same time, the palace and the govern-

royal properties and privileges.

Lord Airlie, the lord chamberlain, said the queen "is conscious of the present pressures on public expenditure and, although Windsor Castle does not belong to her personally and is the government's rather than her majesty's financial responsibility, she is naturally keen to avoid additional demands on the public purse. Last November, Queen Elizabeth broke with

usually spends at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. royal and legal tradition and declared that she would voluntarily pay tax of her private income and personally absorb a larger share of the public cost of her family's expenses.

of it," said Anthony Sober, an adviser to the 406 Action Group, a group representing Lloyd's members in one of the market's hard-

According to figures issued by the govern-ment and the palace, the admissions charges together are expected to meet about 70 percent of the \$47 million to \$62 million that will be required to reconstruct Windsor Castle. Covernment officials said Thursday that they did not know whether the palace would remain open once the restoration of Windsor

Palace was complete, and that the decision to open it on a limited basis was an experiment. On Thursday, some members of Parliament questioned the cost of admission, which would be about \$12.50 for adults, \$6.60 for people over 60 and \$6.25 for children under 17. A palace official replied: "We are confident that people will come."

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Clinton's Dilemma: Save Lives or Roll Back Serbian Gains

By Stephen Engelberg New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - As President Bill Clinton weighs military action in Bosnia-Herzegovina, senior officials say he is torn by two contradictory desires:

He wants to bring the swiftest possible end to a war that has already taken more than 100,000 lives. But he also wants to set an example that aggressioo does not pay, and thus he is unwilling to allow the Serbs to keep the territory they have seized in a year of "ethnic cleansing."

These goals are in conflict, senior officials acknowledge. If the West changes its policy and tries to help the Bosnians roll back the Serbs' gains, it will extend the war and mean more violence.

"It is the central tradeoff: Stop the fighting on one hand and freeze in place all the Serbian gains on the other," a senior official said. That's the central dilemma. How many lives? How much injustice?"

tary can do are on the president's desk. In general, they lay out three options: air strikes within Bosnia. lifting the arms embargo on the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government and carving out "safe areas" for Muslim civilians. try them io combination.

Any choice that goes beyond air strikes implies serious confrontation with the UN forces in Bosnia and could become units." targets for Serbian retaliation.

AIR STRIKES The Pentagoo has drawn up a package of air strikes within Bosnia that would hit key bridges, rail junctions and storage areas used by the Serbian nationalist forces. Other targets include the heavy artillery that has been responsible for most civilian deaths in cities besieged by

The plan for bombing reflects restrictions set by the White House: No U.S. ground troops and, for the moment, no attacks on Serbia. For this reason, officials said, the Pentagon is not proposing any attacks on the key bridges between Serbia and Bosnia, fearing that a bomb could accidentally fall on the Serbian side of the border.

"The intent," one administration offi-cial said, "is to alleviate as much of the killing as possible, to hit the artillery weapons that are effecting the killing."
General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has warned Mr. Clinion that even with laser-guided

Mr. Clinton can approve them all or weapons, bombs could fall in densely them to combination. weapons, bombs could fall in densely populated areas. Admiral David Jeremiah, General Powell's deputy, warned earlier this week, "It is not an easy thing to European allies, whose troops serve with use air strikes against guerrilla warfare

> The president has said he would act only with the allies, so any air campaign could involve British and French aircraft. Even if the United States acted alone, British and French troops in Bosnia would be vulnerable and could be forced to withdraw, ending a program that has delivered large amounts of aid.

> Air strikes are attractive to Mr. Clinton because they entail the lowest risk to U.S. personnel. Nonetheless, they might inspire even fiercer resistance. The Serbs see themselves as victims of a world conspiracy; their culture celebrates warriors who fight against impossible odds.

ARMING BOSNIA If Mr. Clinton's goal is to reverse the Serbian gains, arming the government forces is a must, senior Clioton aides say. Ground troops and fighting would probably be required to drive the Serbs back, and West European countries and the

United States have made it clear that they will not provide such troops.

The Bosnians' shortage of weapons

dates from the beginning of the war. A Security Council ban on weapons sales to all factions in the Balkans, imposed in 1991 to quell fighting between Serbs and Croats in Croatia, has left the United Nations in the awkward position of guar-SAFE AREAS

anteeing the Serbs' substantial edge in weaponry. American intelligence estimates that a relatively small force of Serbian nationalists -- less than 50,000 troops -- has been able to take and hold more than 70 percent of Bosnia. The government actually has greater reserves of men to call on, but does oot even have enough assault rifles

but U.S. experts have been skeptical about how much the Bosnians could do even if they had a full complement of weapons. Military officers say it could take weeks, maybe months, to train government troops to use anti-tank weapons.
Britain and France provide most of the
9.100-man UN force in Bosnia, and fear

that more weapons will mean a greater threat to their troops, regardless of whether the Serbs deliberately retaliate. Finally, there are fears that the Serbs might faunch an all-out push to annihi-late the Bosnian forces before new weap-

Most of Mr. Chinton's national securi-

ty advisers have long favored an end to the arms embargo on Bosnia. But this will be a tough sell for the president because the allies are strongly opposed to lifting

Investigators sent by the White House to Bosnia in early March called on Mr. Clinton to create havens in which Muslim civilians would be protected from attack. This could be done largely with air power, but military planners insist that some ground troops would be need-

The UN forces are not authorized for this, and the president would have to persuade Britain, France and others to undertake missions that could mean a military confrontation with the Serbs.

A contingent of 145 UN troops from Canada has demonstrated the potential for havens: it has set one up in Srebrenica. On Wednesday, Diego Arria of Venezuela, who just returned from a UN factfinding mission to Bosnia, called for five more such areas to be set un.

But one administration official said this was not a model that Washington would accept because the Muslims in

WORLD BRIEFS

76 Said to Die in Afghan Plane Crash

KABUL (Combined Dispatches) — All 76 passengers are believed to
have died when a military transport plane crashed in northern Afghani-

stan, officials said Taursday.

The Antonov-32 plane crashed Tuesday, but wreckage was not discovered until Thursday, officials of the United Nations said. The aircraft. part of a fleet controlled by General Abdul Rashid Dostara, crashed in bad weather near the northern town of Tashqurghan while on a flight from Kabul to the ancient city of Mazar-i-Sharif, they said.

General Mohammed Haq, commander of an army transport unit, was aboard the flight, along with 15 members of an army wrestling team. The identities of the other passengers were not immediately known. Thick fog was preventing rescue teams from reaching the site.

Seoul Accuses 5 Generals of Bribery

SEOUL (AFP) — Military prosecutors announced on Thursday the arrests of five air force generals, four of them combat air wing command-

arrests of five air force generals, four or them comban air while commanders, amid an investigation into a military promotion scandal.

They are charged with giving bribes of 30 million won (\$37,700) to 300 million won to the former air force chief, Chung Yong Hu, in return for being promoted to the rank brigadier general, from colonel, in 1990,

military prosecutors said.

Government prosecutors said Mr. Chung would be summoned for questioning early next week after the military prosecutors compile a formal report. The arrests Wednesday came one day after five senior navy and Marine Corps officers were arrested and charged with giving bribes in return for promotions to the former navy chief, Kim Chong Ho, and the former marine commandant, Cho Ki Yup.

Yemen Braces for Islamic Backlash

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) - Soldiers and riot policemen moved into the capital on Thursday as an Islamic fundamentalist party accused the

government of rigging national elections held this week.

Preliminary returns showed a sweeping victory for the governing General People's Congress in elections Tuesday for the 301-seat partiament. The party, which ruled capitalist North Yemen before it merged with the formerly Marxist South Yemen in May 1990, had captured 95 seats, followed by the Islamic Reformation Movement, with 40, and the

Yemen Socialist Party, with 24.

A spokesman for Islamic Movement accused the governing party of "interfering grossly and flagrantly to change the course of the election" and warned that the Islamists might not take part in the oew parliament. President Ali Abdullah Saleh said he would try to form a coalition between the General People's Congress and the Yemen Socialist Party.

French Nationality Bill Advances

PARIS (Renters) - A committee of Parliament on Thursday approved a draft bill to tighten French nationality laws, one of a series of measures planned by the new conservative government to curb immigration. The bill would require immigrants' children born in France to apply for citizenship between ages 16 and 21 rather than receiving it automatically

The proposed law, which has been criticized by anti-racist groups, is to be debated next week in the National Assembly, where Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's center-right coalition has an overwhelming majority.

Angola Rebels Appeal to Washington ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (Renters) — Angola's UNITA rebels called on Thursday for the intervention of the United States in their dispute with the Luanda government, which unexpectedly hardened its position at

Jorge Valentim, the UNITA delegation chief, addressed his appeal to President Bill Clinton after accusing the government side of raising several objections to a peace protocol. He cited humanitarian aid, an arms embargo and a proposed national army as points of disagreement with the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola government.

Iran Rules Out Hit Men on Rushdie

NICOSIA (Reuters) - Iran's partiamentary speaker said Thursday that his country had no intention of sending hit men to carry out the death sentence imposed by a religious leader against the British author

"Iran neither had nor has any intention of sending commandos to kill the apostate Salman Rushdie," Ali Akhar Nateq-Nouri told the English language daily Tehran Times, But he condemned Britain for its "hostile stance against Iran on the Rushdie issue."

Iran has objected to a proposed meeting between Mr. Rushdie and BELGRADE — Bowing to Prime Minister John Major of Britain, saying it would worsen already mounting pressure from Serbia, the blasohemy and condemned in 1989 by the late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomenei for his book "Satanic Verses."

TRAVEL UPDATE

PARIS (AP) - In another setback to breaking down Europe's internal

borders, France said Thursday it would not carry out this year an accord

Alain Lamassoure, deputy minister for European affairs, said France would maintain police checks at borders as long as conditions for

implementing the so-called Schengen agreement are not fulfilled. The 1990 accord has been signed by 9 of the 12 European Community oations, with the exception of Britain, Ireland and Denmark. Theoretically in place since Jan. 1, the accord allows travelers to cross borders of

Separate strikes in France on Thursday disrupted trains and kept

national dailies off newsstands. Rail ticket agents and collectors called a

national strike to protest a new computerized booking system, which staff said has meant extra work. The strike was to end Friday. Distribution of

Hong Kong is likely to welcome a record number of tourists this year,

Air Strikes in Bosnia?

By Elaine Sciolino.

New York Times Service

sion on a more active policy in the Balkans, top generals have engaged in an unusually public debate over the effectiveness of air strikes to stop Serbian attacks against the Bosnian government.

In the most positive endorsement by a senior American military officer of the use of air power, General Merrill A. McPeak, the air

force chief of staff, has told a Senate subcommittee that one option

under consideration — bombing Bosnian Serb gun positions —

would be completely effective and pose "virtually no risk" to

General McPeak, a former fighter pilot, has predicted that air strikes could be used to clear away the Serbian artillery and make it

easier to delivery relief supplies.
"Give us time," he said, and Western air forces would order strikes

"on every one of those artillery positions and put it out of business."

His statements contradicted the negative assessment of a number of army and navy officials, including Admiral David Jeremiah, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who has said that air attacks

would lead to allied losses and civilian damage.

attacking American warplanes.

WASHINGTON - While President Bill Clinton ponders a deci-

U.S. Generals Clash

allowing free travel through nine European nations.

surpass the nearly 7 million who arrived last year.

member countries without identity checks.

Pressure

After a meeting on Thursday be-tween Mr. Karadzic and President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, the national newspapers was halted by a one-day strike against the eviction of protesters from a paper plant near Rouen on Wednesday. (Reuters) Bosnian Serbian leader was reported ready to "assess in detail all with arrivals up 6.2 percent in the first three months, the Hong Kong Tourist Association said Thursday. The number of visitors is expected to

He said a decision by President

■ Mediators Call Meeting

Gets Serbs To Review Peace Plan

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Past Service
BELGRADE — Bowing to Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, agreed Thursday to reconvene his self-proclaimed national assembly to reconsider the United Nations peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But the meeting, set for May 5, seemed unlikely to affect the think-France Stalls on EC Travel Accord ing of the Clinton administration, which is expected to reach a decision by this weekend on new U.S. measures to escalate pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to accept the

In any case, there was no certain-

aspects of the proposed plan, in-cluding new information," the Yugoslav press agency Tanjng report-

They promised to convene that assembly again, Mr. Cosic said during an interview here. If that fails, however, there is absolutely nothing more we can do."

be a "tragic move. At a oews conference on

aid and fuel supplies to the Bosnian Serbian forces.

The mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen will convene a meeting this weekend with leaders of Bosnian Serbs, Croats and Mustims, as well as the presidents of Croatia, Yugoslavia, Serbia and Montenegro, Reuters reported Thursday from the United Nations

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Vietnam and Holocaust Shape the Debate in Congress

many lawmakers said in interviews.

It would almost certainly sup-

By Helen Dewar

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — For Senator John S. McCain 3d, a former navy fighter pilot who spent five years in a North Vietnamese prisoner-ofwar camp, the specter is Vietnam. If the United States becomes militarily engaged in Bosnia-Herzegovina, it will be walking into another quagmire, another war without end, the Arizona Republican says in urging the United States to hold its fire in the Balkans.

For Senator Paul Wellstone, . who speaks with the resonance of his own Jewish heritage, the specter is the Holocaust.

"There comes a time when silence, inaction, is a betrayal," the Minnesota Democrat says in urging U.S. military action to stop the "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnian Muslims by Serbs.

These two nightmares, with their compelling bot conflicting messages, — haunt legislators as they agonize over whether to advise President Bill Clintoo to inject the United States into the Balkan war. Congress, as Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware,

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identified as a Republican or Democratic position on use of military force in Bosnia. Take Representative Frank X.

ter, signed by 46 of his colleagues, turging Mr. Clinton to lift the arms embargo and use NATO air power to "enforce the will and conscience of both parties. of the international community."

tervention in the former Yugoslawas one of many Jews rescued by the Vietnam example," he said, the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wal-"has been misapplied so many lenberg.
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put it, is held in thrall by the "ghosts of great tragedies."

As a result, the House and Sen-

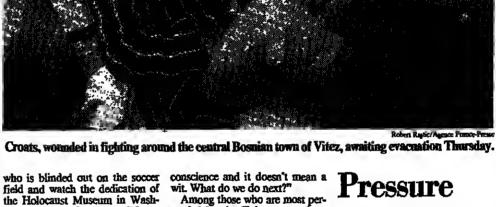
As a result, the House and Senate are more torn and splintered over Bosnian intervention than Republicans are no less torn. The leader of the minority Re-publicans in the Senate, Bob Dole they were over any other recent U.S. military initiative, including of Kansas, has been arguing for stronger U.S. action and supports Lebanon, Panama or the Gulf War, air strikes as well as lifting the arms embargo for the Muslims. But the Senate Republican Conference isport a lifting of the arms embargo sued a statement Wednesday quoton Bosnian Muslims, according to Mr, Biden and other legislators. But if Mr. Clinton decides to proing three prominent Republicans, including Thad Cochran and Trent Lott, both of Mississippi, as urging pose U.S. air strikes against Bosnia cautious approach. an Serbian positions, a majority

"It has the potential to be a Viet-nam-type situation." Mr. Lott said. would probably balk unless he could gain strong public support. In this post-Vietnam, post-Cold Major factors in the scrambling of old ideological and partisan alignments include the end of the Cold War and the demise of com-War and post-Gulf War era, none of the old moorings are in place. Vietnam hawks have become Bosmunism as a strategic threat to nian doves, and Vietnam doves have become Bosnian hawks, Some American interests. Another factor is the lack of an immediate, clearly definable threat to U.S. interests of those who supported use of mili-tary force in the Gulf oppose it in the role that oil played in the Gulf the Balkans, and vice versa. And

there is nothing that can be clearly Without "oil or communism," everything tends to get blurred, said Mr. Biden, who has been trying to make the case that U.S. inter-McCloskey, Democrat of Indiana, for instance. He opposed the Vietnam War and the congressional authorization for offensive military action against Iraq but wrote a leign imperatives that many lawmakers imperatives that many lawmakers draw from the Holographic and Vietnames and Viet

draw from the Holocaust and Vietnam that seems to create the most compelling dilemma for lawmakers "With many members, the two nightmares compete and conflict," Then there is Representative nightmares compete and conflict," Robert G. Torricelli, Democrat of said Representative Tom Lantos, New Jersey, who supported the Democrat of California, a native of Gulf War but opposes military in-Hungary who fought as a teenager

in the anti-Nazi underground and



suaded by the Holocaust analogy are Jewish lawmakers and others ington, then they say, 'Never

again. But when they get mail from constituents saying, 'Doo't lead us with large numbers of Jewish constituents. The message of the Holointo another Vietnam, they say, 'It's Vietnam all over again.'

Mr. Lantos, like Mr. Wellstone, caust, they said, is not just for Jews but all of humanity. supports U.S. military action but understands the countervailing of the issue, there is a sense the

pressures on other members. Among those who are most per-suaded by the Vietnam analogy and by concern over a possible military quagmire are those, like Mr. McCain, with military experience or a close identification with the

military. "You don't go in to a situation like this halfway, you don't just bomb a few artillery sites," said Senator John Glenn, Democrat of Ohio, a former astronaut and veteran of World War II and the Korean War, "All that does is satisfy your

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Clinton To Confer With Allies

But, among many on both sides

argument is being joined in Ameri-

ca just as it is ending in Bosnia. With Serbs having conquered vast swaths of Muslim Bosnia and clos-

ing in on others, Mr. Lautos said, "There are no good solutions at the

moment; the time for good solu-

Reuters WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton on Thursday pledged "aggressive consultations" with allies before announcing his plans for

dealing with the Balkan civil war. The White House said Mr. Clintoo could decide as early as Friday on action, which officials have said could include limited air strikes. Mr. Clinton said he needed more time to confer with General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on a strategy. Gen-

eral Powell has been in Europe for much of this week. "But we will do so soon and then we'll begin some pretty aggressive consultations with our allies," the president said during a picture-tak-

ng session in the Oval Office. The White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said Mr. Clinton would make a decision Fri-day, although be might not announce it for several days.

This is to be followed by another round of consultations with U.S. allies, as well as with members of Congress, who have engaged in a harsh debate this week over whether the United States should inter-

vene in the Balkan conflict. Once the consultations are complete, Mr. Clinton will then make a public announcement outlining his plan, Ms. Myers said. Secretary of State Warren M.

Christopher is expected to travel to Europe this coming week to consult with allies and discuss the plan. In London, Prime Minister John Major said Thursday that his govemment was staying in close touch with the United States over ways to end the Balkan war and insisted that no viable option to stop the fighting would be ruled out.

But in remarks in Parliament. Mr. Major reiterated British reservations over the two main U.S. options under consideration: air strikes on Bosnian Serb artillery positions and lifting a UN arms embargo to allow Bosnian Muslims to defend themselves.

ty here Thursday, even among Serbian officials, that the Bosnian Serbs would change their minds and vote to accept a peace plan that they unanimously rejected on

Dobrica Cosic, the president of

the rump state of Yugoslavia, said Mr. Karadzic had "promised" that his assembly would accept the plan but had conceded it was possible it would reject it again despite his

Bill Clinton to launch air strikes on Bosnian Serbian positions would

Wednesday, Mr. Cosic said that the leadership of Serbia and the federal Yugoslav government was only willing to use its political influence to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to accept the plan and would not take more "radical steps" such as clos-ing its border with Bosnia.

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for the use of air power.

"Without the threat of follow-up ground forces." General Ryan said, the Serbian forces would "just ride out" a bombing strike.

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And during their confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee this week, a group of senior generals made public their concerns about the difficulty of conducting air strikes in Lieutenant General Barry R. McCaffrey, the nominee as director of strategy, plans and policy for the Joint Staff, said the use of air strikes to stop Serbian aggression would "be quite a severe challenge

He added, "My gut sense is that there is no military solution to During the same hearing, Major General Michael E. Ryan of the sir force, nominated as assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said: "If you can find the artillery pieces and get the pilots' Shine .

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Clinton's Economic Plan: It's Clinging to the Rails

The state of the s setbacks and the worries expressed by some of President Bill Clinton's top advisers, his economic plan, on which the ultimate success or failure of his presidency could ride,

has not been derailed by Congress.
But the overall package, with its steep tax increases, deficit reduction and large shifts in als of Bribe

spending from the military and toward social programs and public works projects, is not depend less on the substance of the proposals than on Mr. Clinton's personal political standing this summer, a matter in which the economy plays only a part.

An experienced legislative strategist on the defeat of his emergency spending bill this accounts of his first 100 days in office. The defeat of his emergency spending bill this month by a Senate Republican filibuster was one precursor of potential pinfalls ahead. The almost certain rejection of his proposal for an investment tax credit for businesses another.

By David E. Rosenbaum

New York Three Service

WASHINGTON — Despite some early the fact that legislation with all the fact that legislation with the fact t the fact that legislation with all the tax mea-

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sures and some of the toughest spending proposals will not be subject to a Republican

staff of a leading Democratic senator put it this way: "It's an absolute rule up here: Popular presidents get what they want; un-popular ones don't."

July and August.

Some of his proposals are viewed more favorably in Congress than others. The idea of higher income tax rates on the wealthy mands broad support. An investment tax credit has almost none.

Some proposed tax increases on U.S. companies that do business abroad will probably be dropped because the amount of revenue they would raise is not worth the political grief that goes with tackling the issue.

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dent might be able in muscle them through.

Mr. Clinton's popularity, as measured by opinion polls, has fallen recently. But his has fought countless tax wars as a senator, inne of the vote will be crucial.

political history is one of quick plunges and said Wednesday that Congress had always surges in popularity. Where he stands now made changes in tax bills and would surely do so this time. But he said be expected the main elements of the president's proposals to be enacted.

The prevailing view among lawmakers of both parties and lobbyists who work the Capitol corridors daily is that the House of Representatives will approve the Clinton economic package without critical changes. The Ways and Means Committee will be-

gin drafting the tax portion, politically the most difficult part, next week, and the House is expected to vote by Memorial Day.
But the Senate, which will not vote ontil

Other proposals like a new tax on fuel, a July or even August, is a different matter. Its tax on more of the Social Security benefits of higher-income retirees, and higher corporate one that killed the spending hill this month. higher-income retirees, and higher corporate one that killed the spending hill this month. tax rates fall somewhere in between. They are inherently impopular, but a strong president is so narrow and the president's support



A navy lieutenant leaving her A-4 fighter at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

WASHINGTON - The number of Americans receiving food stamps edged up in February to 26.9 million, setting a record. Participation first exceeded 26 million people in September. Except for a slight dip in October, the numbers have been growing since

The Clinton administration, which wants to make it easier for people to get food stamps, says economic growth has bypassed many

Americans.

"This unprecedented need for food assistance clearly shows that the recovery still has produced no major increase in jobs or family income," Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy testified Wednesday to the House Agriculture Committee.

House Democrats Win Line-Item Veto Change

WASHINGTON - House Democratic leaders played tough for a change and broke an unusual alliance between Republicans and black lawmakers that had blocked consideration of a slight change in the president's power to challenge spending items.

The aggressive tactics won approval on Wednesday for a procedural rule to bring to the House floor a modified version of a lineitem veto that President Bill Clinton favors. House action on the legislation had been delayed for nearly a month.

While a roll call was kept open for several minutes, Speaker Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of Washington, and his allies patrolled the House floor in search of support on a procedural vote, prompting Representative Neil Abercrombie, Democrat of Hawaii, to change his vote. Three other members who voted late also backed the leadership's position, including Representative Floyd H. Flake, Democrat of New York, who is black.

The rule narrowly passed, 212 to 208, in the most suspenseful House vote so far in the 103d Congress. Only two Republicans joined Democrats in supporting the rule. (WP)

Democrats Offer Campaign Finance Plan

WASHINGTON - The two leading national political parties each would get about \$6 million a year from taxpayers to match small denations under a plan that sources said the Clinton administration is considering as part of its package to reform campaign

The proposal, advanced by the Democratic National Committee chairman, David Wilhelm, would be another new winkle in campaign reform. It would help replace revenues the parties expect to lose under a proposed ban on large donations from corporations, unions and wealthy individuals. It also would increase the number of

rendidates and groups seeking some form of public financing.

Presidential candidates now get matching funds for the primaries and cash for their nominating conventions and general election campaigns from a fund financed by taxpayers who designate 51 of their taxes for the purpose. That fund is going broke, and the Federal Election Commission, which administers it, recommends that Congress increase the checkoff to \$2.50 and index it for inflation.(WP)

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Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader: "President Clinton has been captured by the liberals in his party . . . Unfortunately, sometime between the election and the mangural, somebody got a hold of him and he's the same old tax and spend." (AP)

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Senator John B. Breaux, Democrat of Louisiana: "I think the president has contributed an incredible amount of time and energy to the challenges be faces. It is something that is very refreshing and shows real leadership. There have been some mistakes made by the White House in its handling of things. They didn't recognize that the Senate was going in be very different from the House." (AP)

Not Such Great Expectations

Voters Hard on President, Worse on Congress

By Dan Balz and David S. Broder

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The first hundred days of Bill Clinton's presidency have diminished public expectations that he -or anyone else m Washington — can do much to turn around a country that 7 out of 10 voters think is going in the wrong direction.

Whatever the voters may have believed last winter about what Mr. Clinton and Congress would do to fix the economy, reduce the federal deficit and put the country on a different path, they are noticeably more doubtful today.

"I had some high hopes," said Linda Brantley, a Milwaukee postal service investigator and Clinton voter, "but they were shot down kind of quickly. His first 100 days, I'd have to give him an F. He's trying to please too many people all at the same time, without really looking at the heart of the issues."

A Washington Post-ABC News poll shows Mr. Clinton's overall approval rating holding fairly steady at 59 percent, but there is little sense of accomplishment and a reversal of the early optimism about ending gridlock in Washing-ton. His disapproval rating was 39 percent, unusually high for a presi-dent this early in his first term.

Congress's ratings are worse only 30 percent approved of the job it was doing — and Republicans appear to have damaged themselves by moving in to open opposition to the president. But the main conclusion of the notil and water. conclusion of the poll and votes interviews in three swing states is that six months after the big change" election of 1992, many voters feel that they are living through a familiar bad dream.

They are more skeptical about Mr. Clinton's capability or political skill to accomplish what he promised during his campaign. They fear that the problems Mr. Clinton faces are bigger and more difficult than either he or they believed right after the election.

"I'll put it this way," said Robert P. Bosch, a retired electricism from Santa Ana, California, and a Clinton supporter in November. "He was the lesser of two evils. We

Clinton View: 100 Days Went 'Pretty Well'

International Herald Tribute

WASHINGTON - Starting his 100th day in office, Bill Clinton declared Thursday that he was "doing pretty weil" as president despite the country's "serious problems."

"I learned that things are not going to change quite as fast as I wanted them to," Mr. Clinton said in response to a reporter's question.

"At least the American people know that the Democratic Party is serious and the president's serious about deficit reduction," he said. "They know we're going to do something about health care reform. They know we're going to try to be partners with the private sector in rebuilding the economy. And they know we're try-ing to make government work together."

Compared to the progress of other presidencies after three months in office, "I think we're doing pretty well," he said.

In an interview a year ago, months before he was elected president, Mr. Clinton said his administration would start

I want one of those great 100 days in which Congress would adopt my health care and education policies, my energy and economic initiatives. and where the private sector would become engaged in a whole new partnership to make this country great

man with new advisers, could get in there and do a better job. I made a

Washington, with the poll measuring trust in government to "do what is right" at an all-time low. couldn't afford four more years of Despite a significant infusion of Bush. I thought this man, a younger new blood. Congress remains a de-

spised institution, one that swallows up newcomers and converts them to a culture of special interests and political infighting. Re-publican minorities in Congress are blamed more than Mr. Clinton for the return of gridlock, but there are also symptoms of a dangerous po-

He has converted few of George Bush's or Ross Perot's supporters, and many of those who backed him nervously and reluctantly in November express second thoughts about whether he is up to the job.

litical drift for Mr. Clinton.

The Post convened a focus group of voters this week in Milwankee. They are the kind of people Mr. Clinton needs to persuade if he is to enlarge his 43 percent election plurality inm a governing majority. They either voted for him — some with reservations — or for Mr. Perot. But their report cards for the new administration were universal-

"I'm fairly well disappointed in his performance," said Ted Lont-kowski, a printer who supported Mr. Clinton, "D minus."

"A very poor job," said Ruth Pagelow, who works at a nursing home and switched her vote from Mr. Bush in 1988 to Mr. Clinton last fall. "All I hear is he's raising taxes. I don't hear his spending cuts."

Colleeo Casey, a purchasing manager and a Perot supporter, said, "He's doing a poor job, a D minus. I'm getting pretty cynical on the entire process and all the candidates. We've heard about balancing tions at least and no one is able to do it, Republican or Democrat."

As impatient as they may be for progress, voters recognize the arti-ticiality of a 100-day deadline for a new administration, with many saying it is too soon to draw conclusions about the new president.

But when asked which of the last three presidents Mr. Clinton most resembles, the unanimous answer in Milwaukee was Jimmy Carter a one-term president.

Voters are significantly more The cynicism extends to all of downbeat about the direction of the country than when Mr. Clinton came to office — with 71 percent saying it is on the wrong path. Increasingly they are wortied that Mr. Clinton's answers for the nanon's problems may wrong.

> On a list of issues, ranging from improving the economy to dealing with the delicit in dealing with blems of the middle class, expectations of substantial progress have dropped about 10 percentage points since January.

> Overall, three in five voters approve of the job Mr. Clinton is doing as president. But many of them are not certain they know where he wants in take the country.

His economic plan is too complicated for many voters to under-stand and his priorities are not clear. Some major mitiatives, such as his desire to "reinvent govern-ment," have barely trickled down in the average person. Among these uniddle-class voters, there is rising suspicion that the health care plan the president has promised will The White House chief of staff, burden them with more taxes, not Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, said relieve them from anxiety about medical bills.

Although the Post-ABC poll shows that a majority of voters be-lieve that Mr. Clinton is focused on big issues, voters fear that his agen-da has become too ambitious and a number volunteered the issue of gays in the military as one they rught he should have avoided at He added: "You clearly have in the beginning of his term. They have a focused, concentrated plan to move your agenda forward."

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Women Step Toward Battle

Aspin Hopes to Open Up Most Combat Jobs to Them

By John Lancaster

Washington Post Service .
WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les As-'s decision to let women fly combat aircraft is a first step toward allowing women inm virtually every combat specialty short of frontline ground combat units, according to Pentagon officials Mr. Aspin announced that he would lift the

Pentagon's ban on women in combat aviation slots, effective immediately, and also would ask Congress to repeal a law barring women from navy

He also ordered the services to reconsider the continued exclusion of women from other combat jobs outside of frontline infantry and armor units. Pentagon officials said the review almost certainly would lead to the assignment of women to such battlefield jobs as rocket artillery, combat engineering and brigade-level military intelligence, all of which are currently limited to men.

"The steps we are taking today are historic," Mr. Aspin said at a ocws conference. "The results of all this will be that the services will be able to call upon a much larger pool of talent to perform the vital tasks that our military forces must perform. He added, "Right now we're not able to do that."

In the short term, his decision means that small numbers of qualified female pilots will soon begin making the shift from trainers and transports to high-performance combat aircraft such as the navy's F/A-18, the air force's F-15 and the army's Apache and Cobra helicopter gunships. Army officers said female pilots would begin competing for assignment to combat helicopters within weeks.

No female pilots serve in the Marine Corps, but Marine Commandant General Carl E. Mundy Jr. said that the situation would soon change.

"We will have applications for women in avia suspect," General Mondy said Wednesday. "Their applications will be taken, they'll be processed, they'll go to flight training and they'll compete for aviation slots on a gender-neutral basis in the Marine Cosps."

Congress repealed the law prohibiting women from combat aviation jobs in 1991, but the Pentagon had not acted on the legislation until Wednesday. A law excluding women from combat vessels remains in effect and must be repealed before Mr. Aspin can move forward with his plans for the

The navy is "ready to go," said Admiral Frank B. Kelso, the chief of naval operations. "We have women flying F-18s today, we have women in our electronic warfare squadrons, and we think they can transition imm combat squadrons within a few months if the combat exclusion law is changed."

Although Mr. Aspin and Admiral Kelso expressed eagerness to move quickly on assign women in combat vessels, they said they had not yet made up their minds about submarines. Admiral Kelso expressed concern that cramped berthing arrangements on submarines oright make it difficult to preserve adequate privacy.

Mr. Aspin also drew the line on the question of assigning women to ground combat units. Penta-gon officials said that, setting aside questions about women's strength or suitability for such jobs, they did not believe Americans were ready to send women into ground combat.

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amount of time and effort to as-sembling the health care proposal.

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tended" himself and agreed that he had "misganged" the ability of Republicans to stall his proposals. On the self-graded report card, the president gives himself an A for one thing: a detailed economic package that includes construction of a budget from the bare-bones outline left by Mr. Bush and con-gressional approval of the contours of a five-year deficit-reduction plan marking a "fundamental change" from the era of Republican eco-

nomic policy. fortification in addition, he awards himself he promised.

Away From Politics

• A strong cartinguake shook a wide area south of the Grand Canyon early Thursday, briefly knocking out power at the national park. There were no reports of any serious damage or injuries. The quake, the second in the area this week, registered 5.5 on the Richter scale. It was centered near Valle, a crossroads 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of the canyon visitor center.

· An American Airlines flight crew asked that all the pillows and blankers be replaced after participants in the Washington gay-rights march rode on board. American called the report "outrageous, objectionable and unfortunate" and said it would investigate. The linen change was requested when the jet arrived at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport on Monday, the day after the march, on its way to

• Federal and Washington officials are investigating the beating of a man who protested at the opening of the Holocanst Museum by waving a Palestinian flag. David Willcox told police that after the demonstration he was waiting to cross a street when three men dressed abke and wearing yarmnikes adorned with the Star of David beat him on the head and legs with metal pipes. He said he needed 12

stitches to close the head wound. · Governor Ann W. Richards of Texas gave a convict a 30-day reprieve on Wednesday, hours before he was to be executed for a 1981 murder. The governor said of the convict, Gary Graham, "I pass no judgment on his guilt or innocence but believe that questions have been raised in this case that deserve further examination."

 Worldwide poverty is increasing, with more than 1.1 billion people living on less than a dollar a day in developing countries, the World Bank says. The bank's president, Lewis T. Preston, presenting its report on world poverty, said the number of people at that income level increased by about 88 million in the five years before 1990. Astronauts aboard the space shartle Columbia repaired a nitrogen

gas line, restoring the spacecraft's normal water pressure after the mission ran into plumbing problems. Despite a series of technical problems, officials are hoping to extend the nine-day research mission by one day, with a return to Earth next Thursday. AP, NYT, Resters

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Although Mr. Clinton set the date for judgment, promising at one point "an explosive, 100-day action period," the president now But most Clinton aides acknowledge a failure in getting the public to rally behind the president in a way that would provide political fortification to get done the things complains that expectations have become unrealistic. In the view of many administration officials, the normal problems of any new administration were exacerbated be-cause the White House staff was not named until six days before the inauguration and by the continuing slowness in assembling the rest of the administration.

And the campaign book filled with specific positions has become something of an albatross. Mr. Chinton pledged to cut the deficit in half while "investing" in areas such as education, national service, childhood education and others that would bring an economic return, and to do it without raising taxes except on the rich.

But rather than the middle-income tax cut he pledged, he found he had to propose an energy tax that would increase taxes for nearly everyone, including the middle class, and higher taxes on Social Security benefits of many elderly recipients. His health care overhaul package due out next month most likely will require additional taxes, although in the campaign he said savings produced by his plan would pay for health benefits for all.

On a string of other campaign

promises, Mr. Clinton has also had to back away. On Haiti, he aban-doned the pledge to allow fleeing refugees a hearing in the United States, rather than being intercepted at sea and returned home. His campaign attacks on Mr. Bush's inaction in Bosnia have been replaced with laments on the difficul-

ty of the issue. In areas where Mr. Clinton can move without Congress, he has. He imposed stringent ethics rules on

high marks for beginning the process of a half-dozen other "changes" in business-as-usual: reversing Reagan-Bush environmental policies, preparing a campaign and lobbying overhanl package, beginning an education and welfare overhaul and devoting a massive amount of time and effort to as-

He stepped forward to support President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, a move that, as he noted in a recent speech, is politically unpopular. Although he delayed immedianely revoking the ban on gays in the military, he pledged to take action to do so this summer despite an uproar in the military and in

in an interview last week that every recent chief of staff told him in preinaugural conversations. There is very little way you can prepare yourself for this. You really just have to be there to fully understand how things will come at you, how much comes at you. And they were

right."

Bullet Wounds Are Found In 7 Bodies at Waco Site

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Seven corpses pulled from the ruins of the doomsday cult compound were shot, a medical examiner said Thursday, adding that it was too early to determine whether the hullet wounds were self-inflicted.

Investigators said there were probably fewer people inside the compound than David Koresh, the cult's leader, had said. The authorities have recovered the corpses of 65 victims of the April 19 blaze that ended a 51-day standoff.

Dr. Nizem Peerwam, a pathologist for the Tarrant County medi-cal examiner's office, said 25 of the bodies removed from the charred compound were found in a fortified room where Mr. Koresh had stashed much of his ammunition. Four other bodies have been found in the room but not yet been removed, he said. Dr. Peerwani said he found bullet wounds in seven bodies he had examined.

U.S. Air Show Worry - Cash

Pentagon Says Cutbacks, Not Spy Scare, Led to Decision

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Lack of cash rather than fear of spying appears to be the reason for the Pentagon's deci-sion not in allow U.S. aircraft or helicopters to appear at the Paris air show in June.
"It is my impression that it is a

money issue," a Defense Department official told Reuters. "We are cutting back in all areas." But the official said American manufacturers were welcome in lease military aircraft to show in

Paris. He said the equipment "is available if the contractor wants in pay the expense."

Another official said the Defense Department might absorb part of the cost of sending military planes in Paris provided it formed part of

a legitimate training exercise.

The possibility that the United States was staying away because of a spy scare arose after the chairman of Hughes Aircraft Co. announced that the company was pulling out of the show after being targeted by French intelligence.

The U.S. Embassy in Paris issued a statement affirming support for the participation of American companies in the show, which takes place every two years.
"The United States fully sup-

ports participation of U.S. firms in the Paris Air Show, which is the premier world showcase for the latest advances in aeronautical tech-

nology," the statement said. "More than one hundred U.S. firms, along with NASA and the Federal Aviation Administration, said.

will participate in the USA National Pavilion. In addition, at least one hundred other U.S. firms will display their technology at other pa-vilions at the show."

Defense Department sources in Washington said the Pentagon was in discussion with "various companies" for leasing arrangements at

the Paris show. One official said that the United States had taken part in the 1991 air show in a big way because that was "a special occasion" right after the Gulf War when "there was a tremendous amount of interest in this equipment." It was also intended to allay fears that "the United States was about in withdraw from Europe completely."
But the official said there were

congressional concerns "that this participation should be paid for by the contractors."

He said Congress was concerned that if the U.S. government helped American contractors sell overseas, this could be in conflict with national concern about the proliferation of weaponry.

At the same time, he added, there

is "an interest in the U.S. industrial base, and allowing U.S. industry to compete for foreign markets."

"This is an important industry for us," he said. "If a U.S. contrac-

tor is able in sell overseas, that cuts our costs." As a result, the official said, the U.S. government is looking at participation in such shows on a caseby-case basis, "I don't think we're going to participate in the Tehran

The U.S. display at the Paris show will feature an F-16 fighter, a consistent star at previous air shows, but there will oot be a demonstration flight. The chief constraint is the cost of insurance for operating high-performance war-planes close to crowds.

Hans Hollander, president of American Aerospace Industries Inc., representing 65 U.S. companies at the show, said spy fears were exaggerated. "If something is clas-sified, we don't show it," he said. The peeking, intelligence gathering, gossipping and eavesdropping that go on at the show, he said, are a normal part of doing business. Show veterans recalled that be-

fore the 1991 exhibition, there were reports that the Pentagon would not pay for U.S. military aircraft to perform in Paris. But after the success of U.S.

equipment in the Gulf War, the Commerce Department sought and obtained a high-profile U.S. presence at the show. The Pentagon sent many of the planes involved in the Gulf War, including an F-117 Stealth bomber

and an Airborne Warning and Control System jet Although military sireraft are on

public display behind restraining ropes, security at the air shows is usually tight — so much so that in 1991, a U.S. Air Force officer prevented the French defense minister at the time, Pierre Joze, from getgoing to participate in the tenran military arms expo-type thing," he Stealth bomber.

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ITALY: Craxi Crisis Threatens Ciampi's Government

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lion in Milan - the nation's rich. industrial heart and once the Socialist Party's fief.

Under the Italian legal system, legislators like Mr. Craxi are immune from judicial inquiry until Parliament rules otherwise. If the Parliament decides that there is insufficient evidence in a specific case - like the accusations against Mr. Craxi in Milan - then investigating magistrates may not pursue the charges.

The votes Thursday permitted prosecutors to pursue lesser charges and inquiries into illicit party funding by Mr. Craxi. That charge, however, no longer has the same resonance, since a major series of referendums last week voted

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situation," said the former Com- prime minister, Giulio Andreotti, munist leader, Achille Occhetto, whose party had sent ministers into of Mafia association. the government for the first time since 1947. The new administration, he said, may be "unraveling,"

The ruling was the first major setback for the Milan investigators and presented Mr. Ciampi's gov-ernment with a major challenge to its credibility, since it showed that the Parliament that underpins it seems tied to the same old order that the oew administration is sup-

posed to reform.
Umberto Bossi, leader of the insurgent Northern League, which has spurned the new government, called the Parliament vote "shame-

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Unlike the ballot that lifted Mr. Andreotti's immunity, the lower house vote Thursday was held in secret, so it was not immediately clear who had voted in Mr. Craxi's favor. The result would not have been possible, however, without the support of legislators from the country's traditional parties, on whom Mr. Ciampi is depending in part to support his reformist gov-

The mood contrasted sharply with the sense of change evoked by many Italians only 24 hours earlier. For the first time in 46 years the government lineup announced Wednesday by Mr. Ciampi include former Communists, promising a broader parliamentary base. Of the 24 ministers in Mr. Ciampi's government, moreover, only nine were members of the Parliament that has



been so closely associated with the Bettino Craxi, right, a former Socialist prime minister, and Claudio Martelli, a former justice minister, during debate in Parliament on Thursday over the scandal about top-level government graft. bribery and corruption scandal. Five more have on party affiliation.

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Dominique Bozo, Curator Of Paris Museums, Is Dead

By John Russell

Dominique Bozo, 58, president

As a creative curator, a master of installation and the guardian of the queline, but by children and grand-french national patrimony in the children, legitimate and illegiti-field of 20th-century art, Mr. Bozo mate, all of whom had claims upon played a fundamental role in the enormous and rational enlargement of French public collections lawsuits and a piecemeal, contested over the last 20 years. over the last 20 years.

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In addition, Picasso was survived not only by his second wife, Jacthe estate. Had Mr. Bozo not won even the notion of a Picasso Museum in Paris.

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Yeltsin Summons Regional Chiefs to Write Constitution

By Margaret Shapiro

Washington Past Service

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin, bolstered by his solid victory in a referendum Sunday, threw a direct challenge at Russia's con-servative parliament on Thursday by asking regional lenders to by-pass the legislature and help formu-late a new Western-style constitu-

Mr. Yeltsin, declaring that Russia has "oeither the time nor the strength" for more political battles, presented leaders of Russia's 88 semiauronomous republics and regions with his proposed constitu-tion to replace the Soviet-era char-

ter now governing Russia.

He asked them to select their delegates for a constitutional convention in late May or early June. Mr. Yeltsin's announcement that he would sidestep the parliament and forge ahead unilaterally with his own constitution, which would create a new legislature, provided the first sign of the Russian leader's post-referendum strategy for deal-ing with a debilitating power strug-

Lawmakers have curbed Mr. Yeltsin's powers, tried to impeach him and put the brakes on his reforms. But on April 25 a clear majority of Russian voters backed Mr. Yeltsin and his painful economic program while signaling their extreme dissatisfaction with the par-

Mr. Yeltsin's moves are certain to cause a protest in the parliament, which this week kept up its attack on Mr. Yeltsin and his programs despite the referendum's results. The parliament, elected in 1990 when the Communist Party still ruled, is dominated by former nunists, hard-line nationalists and centrists opposed to Mr. Yelt-

sin's free-market policies and pro-Western foreign policy. Russia's constitution, a muchamended remnant of the Soviet era, is at the heart of the political crisis. Adopted in 1978, it never envisioned a democratically elected president, giving power instead to a two-tiered legislative branch, in which the top tier, the Congress of People's Deputies, had supreme

Central Committee, which can the

In the current democratic era. the Congress has discovered its upintended power and used it against Mr. Yeltsin, Russia's first democratically elected president. In the last six months the deputies have amended the constitution dozens of times to reduce his powers and hamper his policies, creating an atmosphere of chaos and economic

Mr. Yeltsin had demanded the referendum as a way of resolving the crisis. In remarks clearly direct ed at his legislative adversaries, he made it clear that he believed that voters had resolved things in his favor. In the referendum, 58 per-cent of those who participated endorsed his rule. An even larger percentage backed new elections for the Congress, in effect a strong vote of no-confidence in the lawmakers.

Mr. Yeltsin said that the referendum had created an entirely new political situation in the country and for this reason it now needed to have a new constitution. "The one we have is an old one with patches stuck on, and it is pulling us back-ward," he said.

He added: "It must be brought home to everyone that the president and the policy of reform are all under the protection of the peo-ple from now on. Decisions which run counter to the popular will, whoever makes them, will not be implemented and are to be abol-

The legislature now must choose to support him and his policies, he said, or "they confront the popular will of the people."

Mr. Yeltsin's proposed constitu tion, which he gave to the regional officials during the Kremlin meeting, would set up a strong presidenrepublic with three equal branches of power.

It would create a new two-chamber legislature and eliminate the Congress of People's Deputies altogether, leaving its members out of work and without their perks, such as guaranteed airplane seats and subsidized food in the Kremlin.

The new constitution would also enshrine the principle of private property, something with the Con-gress has balked at doing.

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China and Taiwan Lay Out a New Road

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service
SINGAPORE — Delegates

from China and Taiwan concluded the first high-level meeting they have ever held by signing four agreements Thursday, including one providing for a recovery logue between use versaries.

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2.5 flashed, the septuagenarians who head the two delegations slowly signed copies of the agreements, which call for increased exchanges across the Taiwan Strail and closer cooperation in such areas as fightcooperation in such areas as light-

ing crime.
For the first time, the two sides will now have a formal channel for communication, instead of the in-formal method used until the end of the 1970s - pounding the other side with artillery shells.

His Taiwan counterpart, C. F. Koo, said: "Both sides have won." Still, a few details pointed to the huge gap that remains between the two sides. The Taiwan and China texts of each document were not even identical. Taiwan's copy being written in traditional Chinese char-acters and China's in the simplified characters used by the Commu-

Likewise, the year was left out for each side to fill in later. To China, this is 1993. To Taiwan, this is year 82; the island's calendar begins with the establishment of the Nationalist government upon the collapse of the Qing dynasty.

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ended in 1949 with the Communist revolution and the Nationalist government forced to flee to Taiwan. While almost everyone regards the talks as a milestone, it is still unclear where the process now under

way will lead. One possibility is that the dia-logue will hasten economic integration and lead sometime in the next century to reunification of Taiwan with mainland China. A rival interpretation is that these talks effecuvery confirm and consolidate a separate identity for Taiwan, leading ultimately to a proclamation by Taiwan that it is independent.

Two of the agreements signed were technical, concerning cross-delivery of registered letters and verification of official documents

issued by the other side. A third outlined a schedule for contacts between the organizations the two organizations -- Mr. Wang and Mr. Koo -- will meet "as need-take did occur Thursday morning ed," while the deputy heads will when a mainland official, Tang meet every six months, and other Shubei, arrived for the signing cereofficials at least every three months. Meetings will take place in China, Taiwan or a third location.

months, Meetings will take place in from the opposition party unfurled a banner proclaiming Taiwan's in-

"This is a historic meeting in relations between the two sides," said Wang Daohan, the head of the Chinese delegation. "It is a crucial competing sessions with the press.

Nor did the two sides manage to statement setting forth the topics they would like to deal with in the future. These include fighting competing sessions with the press. The meeting was the first high-level encounter between the two sides since the Chinese civil war of exchanges across the Taiwan

The principal negotiating diffieulty was in economic areas. Taiwan wanted some kind of formal protection for Taiwan investors on the Chinese mainland, while China urged Taipei to permit direct shipping across the Taiwan Strait.

For now, Taiwan does not permit direct trade; all shipping and passenger flights are supposed to be routed through Hong Kong or a third country. Nevertheless, Tai-wan's exports to the mainland are booming. In just the first two months of this year, indirect two-way trade totaled \$1.17 billion, up 30 percent from a year ago.

Cheyne J. Y. Chiu, a spokesman for the Taiwan side, said that the talks were jough but generally cordial. He acknowledged, however, that the heads of the delegations that each side has set up to act as a relied mostly on formal presenta-liaison to the other. The heads of tions, without much give-and-take.

Shubei, arrived for the signing cerecoming election. The two sides also approved a dependence from the mainland.

Khmer Rouge Issues Call for $oldsymbol{A}$ Showdown

Agence France-Presse BANGKOK - The Khme Rouge called on Thursday for all-out "resistance" against the Phnom Penh government less than a month before UN-orgainflicted on blacks.

nized elections in Cambodia. The call came in a radio hroadcast by the Khmer Rouge, which is boycotting the election scheduled for May 23

The group, the backbone of the guerrilla alliance that fought Phnom Penh's Victnam-installed government during the Cambodian civil war, has also broken away from the peace process launched with the United National Process and the United National Process Inches In tions-brokered 1991 Paris ac-

Cord.
The entire Cambodian populatioo and all Cambodian resistance forces must contintie to struggle vigorously against the Vietnamese aggressors and their puppets in Phnom Penh to achieve total victory and full independence as soon as possible," the radio

The broadcast was the strongest indication so far that the faction was prepared to use force to disrupt the up-

First Apology for Apartheid De Klerk 'Deeply Regrets' Abuses of Blacks

CAPE TOWN - President Fredenk W. de Klerk apologized for

Mr. de Klerk said apartheid, the cornerstone of the government's domestic policy since the National Party came into power in 1948, had deprived blacks of their potential 10 develop.

"It was not our intention to deprive people of their rights and to cause misery." Mr. de Klerk said. "but eventually separate develop-ment and apartheid led to just that. Insofar as that occurred, we deeply regret it."

He cited the so-called pass laws, which were used 10 bar blacks from moving freely about the country, and the forced removal of blacks from white areas, estimated by human rights monitors to have involved more than 3 million people.

"It effectively took away freedom from people on the basis of race, it impaired the dignity of peo-ple, it impaired people's develop-ment," Mr. de Klerk said.

defended the engineers of apartheid, including the policy's chief Speaking earlier in an interview inventor, the former prime minister with CNN, Mr. de Klerk said that Hendrik Verwoerd, and said that Mr. Mandela had the personal

apartheid for the first time on Thursday, saying he deeply regreted the loss of freedom and dignity pared with those policies practiced on blocks.

by colonial powers."

But, he said, apartheid eventually turned into racial discrimination. The apartheid policy was two-pronged: segregation along racial ines in everyday life - including health, education, housing and public ameniues — and the creation of "independent" black states into which blacks were forced, making them foreigners in "white"

South Africa. Asked whether his use of the term "deep regret" amounted to an apology, Mr. de Klerk said:

"Deep regret goes much further than just saying you are sorry. Deep regret says that if I could turn the clock back and if I could do anything about it, I would like to have avoided it. Yes, we say we are

Mr. de Klerk has previously refused to apologize for apartheid, which he began dismantling in February 1990 with the unbanning of the African National Congress At the same time Mr. de Klerk and the release from prisoo of Nel-

son Mandela, the ANC leader.

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typical qualifications, personal qualifications and qualifies, expected of people who fill high office," Mr. de Klerk said.

But he said Mr. Mandela's African National Congress lacked the experience necessary to rule.

To me they are unacceptable because of their adherence to com-munism," be said. "I think they need direction."

Interviewed separately on the same program, Mr. Mandela, the ANC president, said his movement was ready to govern the country it has fought for almost 80 years to ree from white rule.

(Reuters, AFP)

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Toll in Istanbul Blast at 26

ISTANBUL - Rescuers have pulled 26 bodies from under tons of refuse that poured down on shanty homes after a methane gas explo-sion in one of Istanbul's biggest rubbish dumps, the Anatolian news agency said Thursday. It said 13 people were missing. The blast on Wednesday buried more than a dozen shanty homes.

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Forge a UN Consensus

President Bill Clinton's problems down to a precise phrase. The arguments of those who want him to bomb the Serbs are "hauntingly familiar" reminders of Vietnam. Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina made a telling point, too. The Reagan administration's eagerness to bomh the Bekaa valley and inject U.S. Marines into the chaos of Lebanon led to a disastrous loss of life.

Secretary of State Warren Christopber advanced a wise formula. There should be oo American military action in the Balkans without a clear goal, a likelihood of success and a plan for getting out. Finally, he said, there must be public support.

All these comments were produced by a fruitful debate begun by Mr. Clinton. He has come under enormous pressure from those who, for very sound humanitarian reasons, have urged him to launch air strikes against Serbian artillery and supply lines. But that is an impulsive reaction that fails the Christopher test. Those who advocate air strikes need to think past the first bomb.

Isolated air strikes or even a long series of them will force the Bosnian Serbian army to hunker down for a while, but then what? There can be no realistic expectation that such strikes will be "surgical." Such nonmilitary targets as houses and field hospitals will surely be hit, military ones like mortars will surely be missed. And what if the Serbian army, instead of being cowed, launches an all-out infantry attack on Sre-brenica and other Muslim towns? Is the United States prepared to have its airplanes try to shoot that army on the ground or to put its own army in the field?

On this last point, the healthy public dialogue and congressional consultations have shown there is no public or congressional support for ground combat by U.S. troops, because the country does not believe a vital American interest is at stake in this historically rooted conflict. Even on bumanitarian grounds, there is so far oo strong public demand for air strikes, nor a majority in the Congress for them.

dent Bill Clinton for the painful rise in the

yen's exchange rate against the dollar. It is

making Japanese exports to America more expensive and harder to sell. But Mr. Clinton

is not the culprit this time. It is Adam Smith.

Japan continues to run a gigantic trade surplus, by far the largest in the world. It

can be sustained only as long as Japanese

banks and investors export an equal flow of

capital, in effect lending their customers the

money to keep huying. Because of the Japa-

nese economy's troubles, that financing is

now faltering. The rise of the yen is the

actomatic result: the work of the invisible

hand that Adam Smith explained to the

By unwisely persisting in running gigan-tic surpluses, Japan has made itself vulnera-

ble to the risk of an exploding currency.

Further rises, under these circumstances,

and do what it can to help Japan avoid

them, not stand back and cheer for a higher

yen. Mr. Clinton said the other day that a

rising exchange rate was the most powerful

of the forces at work to reduce both Japan's

trade surplus and America's trade deficit.

All American presidents since Franklin

Delano Roosevelt have had their repota-

tions stretched or shortened by a Procrus-

tean journalistic device known as the "first

hundred days." The bundred days test is,

of course, fundamentally silly. As Arthur

Schlesinger pointed out recently on the

Op-Ed page of The New York Times, Mr.

Roosevelt assumed office at a time of such

calamity that the Congress "dared not say

him nay." No president since has faced a comparable crisis.

Yet so durable is the standard that oot

even the White House, which might prefer

to forget some of Bill Clintoo's first hun-

dred days, can ignore it. To mark the

occasion, Mr. Clinton's public-relations

apparatus churned out a little pamphlet

called "Season of America's Renewal," the

title lifted from the president's hopeful address to Congress in February. The Re-

publicans responded with a less flattering

exegesis, "On the Wrong Track."

The hundred days tag, according to

most accounts, was invented by newspa-permen, who compared Mr. Roosevelt's domination of Washington in the spring of 1933 to another 100-day period embracing

Napoleon's escape from exile, his army's

triumphant sweep across France and his

shattering defeat at Waterloo. Democrats

like to recall the triumph; Republicans

enjoy the Waterlon bit.
The truth of Mr. Clinton's hundred days

is rather more provisional. There have

been several large accomplishments. He steered his \$1.5 trillion budget outline

through Congress in record time, and re-

sponded boldly and generously to President Boris Yeltsin's cry for help. There

also have been less dramatic gestures that

oevertheless bespeak a kinder, gentler and

less ideological administration, including

the family-leave bill and the dismantling of

the Reagan-Bush restrictions on abortion.

world two centuries ago.

may be difficult to avoid.

Stay the Invisible Hand

100 Days, 1,000 Motions

Yet the public discussion of force has helped protect innocent lives in Bosnia's besieged cines. In response to Mr. Clinton's threat of a "stronger policy," Bosnian Serbs and their sponsors in Belgrade are observing a de facto cease-fire, giving Mr. Christopher a chance to use his trip to Europe next

week for an encircling diplomatic offensive. In London and Paris, there is now at least a half-hearted willingness to follow an Amer-ican lead into more muscular bargaining. In Moscow, a reinforced Yeltsin government has warned Belgrade that Russia will no longer defend its traditional Serbian ally from the consequences of further interna-tional defiance. And at the United Nations, the normally quiescent nonpermanent mem-bers of the Security Council are pressing strongly to declare the surrounded cities internationally protected areas, backed by a

threat of military enforcement if necessary.

Mr. Christopher's objective should be an international ultimatum to Belgrade: Refrain from shelling population centers or risk military consequences. Bosnian Serbian forces should be required either to withdraw their heavy artillery from urban perimeters or turn them over to UN control. This toughminded new consensus should then be embodied in a new Security Council resolution, backed up by the military enforcement lan-

guage of Chapter 7 of the UN Charter.

Perhaps Mr. Clinton can be faulted for moving too deliberately. But even well-meaning proponents of force, such as Senator Joseph Biden, have failed to define what steps would follow air strikes that many experts believe would offer neither surgical

oeatness nor lasting effect.

The answer to deadly "ethnic cleansing" is not the risk of death for Americans seat into foreign conflict with no purpose, no plan and no foundation of support at home. The answer may lie in threat-backed diplomacy that enlists the traditional European allies and the Russians in a campaign of relentless pressure on Belgrade and the Bosnian Serbs. Only Mr. Clinton can make that happen.

Is it? If that is what his advisers are

telling him, he ought to ask them the fol-

lowing question: How come the Japanese

trade surplus has grown steadily over the past two decades, in which the yen has risen spectacularly against the dollar? A

more expensive yen is, in fact, no guaran-tee at all of more American exports and

fewer Japanese imports. In the mid-1980s,

the Reagan administration engineered

rapid rise in the yen precisely to head off a

surge of Japanese imports in the United States. In three years, the price of the yen, in

dollars, doubled. In those same three years, in dollars, doubled. In those same three years, the Japanese trade surplus also doubled.

The year-dollar exchange rate is one of the world's most influential prices, affecting hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of

commerce every year. The American inter-

est lies in a predictable rate that moves

slowly. Markets, following their own blind

logic, typically overreact and, left to their

two governments have a responsibility to

work together to get the slide under control. While Adam Smith was marvelously good at explaining the way markets work, he

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would make a poor Treasury secretary.

beginning with his snakebit search for an

attorney general and continuing on through

the bungled sales job on his stimulus pack

age. One result has been a flurry of articles

bemoaning a lack of focus in the White House and a general dulling of the sharp

sense of purpose that was outlined during

Mr. Clinton's campaign.
No less a loyalist than Leon Panetta.

director of the Office of Management and Budget, told reporters on Monday that Mr.

Clintoo must do "a better job of picking and choosing the battles he wants to go

through." Specifically, Mr. Panetta im-

plored the president to delay health-care

reform until the fall, and said that piling a

revolution in health care on top of every-

thing else, including new taxes on energy and Social Security, could invite general legislative carnage and threaten the deficit-

reduction strategy on which Mr. Clinton

hand by Donna Shalala, secretary of health

and human services; the president's wife and health-care expert. Hillary Rodham Clinton; and then by the president himself.

Their view is that health-care reform is an

essential component of any serious deficit

reduction strategy, and they may be right.

Even so, Mr. Panetta is hardly alone in his belief that Mr. Clinton, a coted trencher-man, may have heaped far too much on his

plate at this early stage.

Mr. Clinton won the election in part

because he focused on one message ("It's

the economy, stupid"), despite his policy-

wonk tendency to move in a thousand di-rections at once. It is still early, and a

hundred days really do not mean all that much. But one lesson he can learn from his

slump in Washington and at the polls is not

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to confuse motion with progress.

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chance to negotiate its own suicide — before he tries to kill it outright.

"If there is a one-in-a-thousand chance that the present deputies will accept the referendum results and take this path of constitutional reform, [we] are obliged to give them this chance," was how Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai

explained step one. Then came the twist into step replaned slep one. Then came doe twist him slep two: "I'm not saying it will necessarily work." Such a strategy preserves constitutional niceties, which many Russians will appreciate. It also goes down well with Americans, forever finicky about

legalities. And it leaves parliamentary hard-liners

worrying whether Mr. Yeltsin now actually has the power to override them, if push comes to shove. Many Yeltsin loyalists and key U.S. Russian experts, however, do not like the two-step strategy. They want him to act right away on the mandate given by a solid majority of voters in Sunday's referendums — to dump the old Soviet Constitution, hold new elections, get rid of the

existing parliament and go full speed ahead with While Mr. Yeltsin should resist these all-inone-step advocates, be ought to keep their argu-

ments very much in mind. The votes were somewhere between a reprieve and a mandate," argued Michael Mandelbaum, a Clinton adviser on Russia. "But Yeltsin has to treat it as a mandate and take decisive action oow. The situation in Russia will get worse in any event, and if he hoards his power, it

will get worse in a destructive way." The thinking of one Russian expert, Stephen Sestanovich, followed similar lines. "Yeltsin should overcome his democratic nature and capitalize quickly on the vote," said the former adviser to President Ronald Reagan. "If not, he'll be back to where he was months ago — in a deadend bargaining process with parliament and steadily losing power."

They are right to warn Mr. Yeluin about getting trapped in another unseemly slugfest and stalemate with parliament. They are also right to urge him to move swiftly and oot get trapped in an endless bargaining process

But they are wrong to be quite so impatient, and to skip the chance to persuade parliament to go along with its own demise. Obviously it would be better for a nation

By Leslie H. Gelb

struggling to establish constitutional norms to follow the law. And the law, albeit the old Soviet one, does require parliamentary consent to change the constitution and bold snap elections.

What is more, it might actually be possible to gather the necessary majority to change the sys-tem legally. Parliament contains many former Yeltsinites who favor reforms but felt Mr. Yeltsin was going too fast. These reformers must bave been impressed by Sunday's vote and could be brought back into Mr. Yeltsin's fold. And he needs them to forge a future ruling majority— whatever this hard-line parliament decides to do.

Many anti-Yeltsin conservatives may be tempted to cut a deal to keep their sears in the next parliament. A new constitution will have to establish new voting procedures, and Mr. Yeltsin

can use that bait to strike a bargain. Mr. Yeltsin, his old reform allies and some conservatives should also seek common ground on basic policy. Russia requires revolutionary change, but Russian history and culture call for a period of adjustment. These are contradictory notions, but unless Russian leaders manage the contradiction, they will face endless political

deadlock — and perhaps revolutionary violence.

Clinton officials are well aware of the contradictions and pitfalls. And they are wisely keeping their advice to themselves. "Yeltsin understands Russian politics better than we do," one said. "And our main joh now is to deliver the billions in aid we promised him."

It is not clear whether promises of Western aid helped President Yeltsin in the referendums. But

To actually receive the aid, Mr. Yeltsin would do well to exhaust all reasonable paths to constitutional change. After that, Russians and Americans alike will be ready for him to lower the people's boom on parliament The New York Times



The Suffering in the Balkans Will Change Us All

ATHENS — "Europe whole and free," Western leaders untered that pledge, or ambition, when the Iron Curtain was torn down. Three years later the word "Europe" is again a place oame instead of the expression of a destiny. Europe after unism is oeither whole nor to-

tally free.
War in the Balkans and a biting recession, which many Europeans (wrongly) blame on the European Community's plans for increased economic and political integration, have combined to create a springtime of difficulty and disillusion. The darker sides of Europe's many identi-

A new line of division has been traced on the continent by the wars of ex-Yogoslavia, which have again world's tinderbox. Europe's failure to halt the atrocities being committed in Bosnia or to resolve the unfinished war between Croatia and Serbia casts this region into a geographic and psy-

chological limbo. To be on the wrong side of the line is a terrifying and degrading experi-ence, reports the Croatian writer Sla-venka Drakulie: "The myth of Eu-rope, of our belonging to the European family and culture, even as poor relations, is gone. We have been left alone with our newly won independence, our new states, new symbols, new autocratic leaders, but with oo democracy at all. We are left standing on a soil slippery with blood, engulfed in a war that will go

on for God knows how long."

Ms. Drakulic's intensely personal view of war and of the societal madness that led to the bloody breakup of Yugoslavia has just been published in America onder the title "The Balken Express." She sketches in painstaking detail "the other, less visible side of the war, the way it changes us slowly from within ... until one can scarcely rec-

ognize oneself any longer."
War "pushes you to the painful point where you are forced to realize and acknowledge the way you participate in it, become its accomplice even though you have no direct role in the fighting. She writes of herself and her neighbors. But Ms. Drakulic's words apply to all of us. We look on, implicated, and are changed

By Jim Hoagland

"slowly from within" as long-oppressed European tribes slaughter each other with abandon. The family of nations has abandoned one of its own in a forest full of wolves. How far this process has gone was

suggested to me the other day by separate conversations with two se-nior European officials whose responsibilities include the Balkans. one spoke darkly of potential "disasters" posed by U.S. and West European intervention: "We are on the verge of doing something that we know will not work but we feel we have to do because of wildia animals. have to do because of public opinion.

We will live to regret such action." The other official was just as frus-trated and full of anguish; he had concluded that the Chinton add tration had no intention of leading NATO forces into Bosnia. "History will never foreive us." he said.

Both of these men played key roles in Western strategy at the end of the Cold War and should still be luxuriating in that accomplishment. But they have been deeply affected, and chastened, by their involvement with the Balkan crisis.

European self-confidence has been hit hard as well by the deepening German recession, aggravated by the enormous financial transfers Borm makes to the population of former East Germany. In the other former Communist dictatorships of the East, economic hardship and the tack of access for their goods to Western markets create a new sense of isolation.

Listen carefully to European diplomats, businessmen and academics toally mean the 12 prosperous industrial democracies of the European Community when they use the

word "Europe." They could once speak of "Western Europe" without being self-conscious, when that phrase distinguished them from the enslaved peoples to the east. But today Europe is embarrassed to be divided into rich and poor,

rather than free and enslaved. There is a Balkan subdivision where the people have in effect been told, according to Slavenka Drakulie: "You are not Europeans, not even Pastern Europeans. You are Balkans, mythological, wild, dangerous Balkans. Kill yourselves, if that is your pleasure."

The European family of nations has abandoned one of its own in a forest full of wolves. Americans have been obliged to look on in horror.

There were good reasons, of course. There always are when others that their suffering will not change all of us slowly, from within.

Nervous Europe, an Eye on the Sharks

LONDON—If Europe had its own foreign policy, yet another disaster in the Balkans might not now be

By Alexander MacLeod along with Mr. Cimton's plan for a "no-fly" zone in Bosnia.

There is a lack of logic and a surfeit in the making. But it has no such policy, and the disaster looms.

Instead of giving Bill Clinton the benefit of their collective views on blocking Serbian supply lines and arming Bosnian Muslims, the Europeans shuffle nervously.

True, a couple of European govern-ments are edging toward support for Mr. Clinton's inclination to "do something" in Bosnia. But soul-searching in London and Paris merely underlines Europe's failure to reach an agreed approach to a European problem Under U.S. pressure to order his air

force into action in Bosnia, Prime Minister John Major looks like a man being mudged toward a pool full of sharks. President Prançois Mitter-

rand, too, seems to be moving edgily toward ordering planes into action.

The British and French leaders know that jumping into a shark pool, or even waving a himb near water's edge, is a perilous matter. But because a supposedly uniting Europe has failed to develop anything like a com-

mon foreign policy, those of its states with the weaponry to intervene in Bos-nia are vulnerable to U.S. pressures. There is great irony here. If the Maastricht treaty means anything, other members of the European Community should be sharing the dilemma over Bosnia, and formulat-ing unified responses. Yet it is Britain, supposedly the EC's hlack sheep, that Mr. Clinton now turns to.

Mr. Major and his cabinet are not moving forward without an intellectual struggle. Douglas Hurd, the for-eign secretary, said April 18 that he had yet to see a military plan suggest-ing that air attacks on Serbian positions would be anything but counter-productive, risking civilian lives and threatening the United Nations humanitarian effort. He was equally du-

bious about arming the Muslims. But sources in the Major government were meanwhile preparing the ground for a switch of direction—we are witnessing a replay of Britain's handwringing before it agreed to go

of pusillanimity about Europe's failure over Serbian aggression. When communism collapsed, the main reason for the U.S. commitment to Europe - to discourage Soviet aggression - was called into question. It was reasonable for America to expect Europeans to accept that in this new game they would be major players in matters of their own direct concern.

But in the Balkan crisis, they have chosen to stay on the sidelines. U.S. national security is only marginally affected by events in Bosnia Mr. Cinton finds himself being sucked into the vacuum created by Europe's failure, but he does not want to go it alone.

If the Europeans could only get
their act together, they would be able
to tell Mr. Clinton one of two things. They could say that bombing the Serbs makes sense and decide on concerted action with their American ally. Or they could decide — together — that such a policy probably contains the seeds of a disaster worse than the one it seeks to address, and

urge the president to back off. But no, on an issue on which Europe ought to be speaking with a clear, united voice, its tongue is once again tied.

. The writer is a free-lance journalist and presenter of the BBC public offairs program "The World Tonight." He contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

Find a Way To Uncover The Killers

By Flora Lewis

MONTREUX, Switzerland — What Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Red Cross, calls "the new form of genocross, cans the new form or geno-cide" may be attached to a harmless looking bit of blue or green plastic that resembles a butterfly. He is talk-ing about land mines, an old, often simple device that has proliferated around the world to create a grave epidemic of deaths and casualties. The Red Cross, at a conference

here to focus attention on the plague, estimated there are more than 100 million mines lying in 37 countries, and another 100 million in stock. They are not only killing and maining thousands every month, they prolong destruction long after wars end.

They may lie active in the ground 50

They may lie active in the ground 50 years. As one expert said, a child can be victim of a mine laid by his grandfather. They undercut relief efforts, blocking access and denying subsistence to refugees who would go home and earn their living on the land again. Anti-personnel mines are indeed an indiscriminate weapon of terror. The Red Cross would like international conventions amended to han the production, export and use of

the production, export and use of mines, as they have banned dumdum bullets and chemical warfare.

It is a good thought, worth an effort, but it won't help soon. Mines are cheap to make, some cost less than \$1. Thirty-five countries make and sell them, with China the leading exporter, had been less than \$1. but guerrilla and insurgent forces that do not sign international conventions can also produce their own.

High-tech varieties have been in-

troduced in recent years, but antimine technology remains primitive, slow and expensive. In Afghanistan, where some 10 million mines are planted, it is estimated that the cost of finding and removing one is \$2,000 and that at the present rate it would take 4,300 years to clear them all.

The best mine detectors now available are trained dogs, which obviously cannot be deployed at anything more than the timest fraction of the need. Standard procedure is for men to crawl along on their belies with prods, so that the upward and outward explosion misses them.

Dirty work. And yet, people are willing to do it and other people, mostly former military men, are do-ing their best to find a better way. They have not got very far for lack of

research money.
I asked Brian Halliwell of Britain's Royal Ordnance how much and how long he thought it would take to make a cost-effective sniffer device, working on the principle of dogs. It seems the best bet, since it reacts to the odor of explosive and does not depend on detecting metal. Many mines now are plastic, or have a minimum of metal, but they cannot fully contain faint

vapor from their explosives. He said \$10 million, maybe a year or two. That would not buy you a fighter plane. "With time and money, we could solve any of these prob-lems" he told me. But there is not enough interest — yet.

Mine-clearing has traditionally

been a military concern. But clearing a road with specially adapted tanks or buildozers is very different from clearing a field for farmers or a mountain trail for shepherds and children. Britain simply gave up after the Falklands War, marking large uncleared areas. That will not do for whole regions, like Cambodia, Iraq, Iran, Guatemala, Mozambique, Somalia. Just last week, a UN food relief

plane was shot down in Angola and the pilot successfully crash-landed, but in a mine field. He died after he stepped out of the plane. Some 800,000 mines have been planted in Yugosiavia, and some are cleared, but 60,000 more are being laid each week. In an age of so much weapons sophistication, new technologies could be adapted to fight this faceless attack on imaccents. Lord Judd, former British defense minister, says

that 50 percent of World War II casualties were civilians. They are 90 percent of current war victims. The British military engineer Alistair Craib, an earnest, matter-of-fact humanitarian, speaks of ground-penetrating radar and infrared imaging as

well as sniffers now under study. But there isn't a concerted will or equate coordination of research. The UN has named its first demining expert, Patrick Blagden. He needs a little money and support. In Chur-chill's words about the Battle of Britain, here is a time when so few can do so much for so many. It is fine to feed the maimed who cannot care for themselves, and distribute prostheses to some. It would be much better to find a way to get rid of the mines.

O Flora Lewis.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: No Royal Nod LONDON - All the efforts of the

American authorities to secure the attendance at Chicago of a member of the British Royal Family — and there have been many — have, I hear, been unsuccessful. The last was a request urgently conveyed to Princess Christian, as president of the British Committee of the Women's Section at the World's Fair, but this also was declined in kindly but unmistakable fashion. From the first the Queen was very averse to the idea, and there is no probability that it will be entertained.

1918: Russian Rumors

COPENHAGEN - During the last few days no telegrams have been received from Petrograd, but rumors via Finland tell of serious riots having taken place in there. It is even suggested that a counter-revolution has broken out. It is certain that the transport of Russians from Finland

was stopped three days ago. This was due to the riots in Petrograd. The Swedish Aftonbladet states that it is persistently rumored that Grand Duke Alexis Nikolaievich, the ex-Tsarevich, has been proclaimed Emperor, while Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich is provisionally made the real leader of Russian affairs.

1943: Report for Prison LONDON - [From our New York

edition:] Germany plans to return all former Dutch soldiers, some 400,000 men to war-prison camps in the near future because of "particular difficul-ties which justify the measure," the Berlin radio said tonight [April 29]. All members of the Netherlands armed forces who were freed follow-ing their intermed. ing their interment during the German occupation of Holland in May, 1940, have been ordered to "report" to the Nazi occupation authorities, the broadcast said, adding: "Nothing is known about the time of their actial return to war prisoner camps."

For a Fair and Thriving South Africa

P ALM SPRINGS, California — South Africa cannot permit violence by a few radicals to block progress toward elections. Pretoria should move quickly to set a date for elections and then draft a new constitution to reverse the country's downward economic spiral
South Africa's economic future

bursts with opportunity. For now, investments from abroad remain suspended, but Coca-Cola, Kodak and automakers are making plans. In the last 18 months, 16 major U.S. corporations have either opened offices staffed by American personnel or set up subsidiaries in South Africa. Visa International, Louis Development and Cummings

Engineering, which withdrew in the mid-1980s, have set their return. The conomic impact of positive developments will drive up the standard of living for all. The first winners will be black workers. among whom the jobless rate is 40 percent. Along with new jobs would come more tax revenue and a chance to reduce the national debt.

The former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young has said that big and small companies will establish operations in South Africa "when the time is right." That will be when sanctions By Robert H. Phinny

are lifted and relative political stability comes, coupled with a free market economy and a strong interest by the new government in mini-mizing nationalization of industry. (The current government is proceeding with its privatization program.

Armaments Corp. of South Africa,
the Development Bank of Southern Africa and South African Iron &

Steel Corp. are good examples.) "When the time is right," communications will have been established between government, labor and capital. Housing Minister Sam de Beer has met with the Building Industries Federation to work out a plan to create 800,000 new jobs in the next three to five years.

In an important step, the government has stated its intention to put ils own economic house in order. The finance minister and minister of trade and industry, Derek Keys, has set up a model using minimum reliance on foreign investments and emphasizing strict reserve bank policies to control inflation.

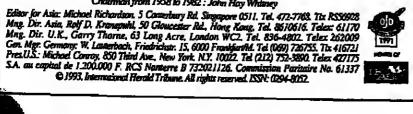
These policies must parallel a depoliticization of the economy for the benefit of all South Africans. The United States played a major

part in seeking sanctions against South Africa, contributing to un-employment of blacks. The U.S. government can now be expected to receive requests for large amounts of financial aid. There is other encouraging for-eign economic activity in South Af-

rica: China has spent 9 million rand (\$2.8 million) on an office block. Rossian light passenger aircraft will be assembled in the country. A commercial office to represent the Gulf Cooperation Council and member states will be opened this year, the Oman International Bank says. Thailand has signed an air service agreement with Pretoria. Trade with Germany has increased sharply. South African wine and fruit made record sales increases over 1991. And tourism last year rose an exceptional 25.8 percent. Nelson Mandela and Frederik de

Klerk have repeatedly cited the urgency of elections. And a healthy economy must be established if the black standard of living is to be improved. The path ahead is clear.

The writer, a specialist in southern African affairs and a former U.S. ambassador to Swaziland, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.



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OPINION

The UN Is Losing in Cambodia

LONDON — International despair over the impotence of the United Nations in Bosnia has distracted attention from the flouting of UN authority in Cambodia.
The vinlent challenge by the
Khmer Rouge to the Paris peace
agreement of October 1991 has not, so far, matched the scale of Serbian bloodletting. But their murderous record and ferocious opposition to a political settlement

through elections promises a re-turn to full-scale civil war. Yasushi Akashi, the head of the UN peacekeeping operation in Cambodia, has admonished the Khmer Rouge, warning them of isolation, condemnation and "even worse" if they disrupt elections set for late May, Unfortunately, Mr. Akashi does not have the military. - Grape Akashi does not have the military means to compel the Khmer Rouge and other Cambodian factions to

respect the Paris accords.

By Michael Leifer

as opposed to peacekeeping. The distinction is quite fundamental. The latter undertaking assumes a predisposition by warring parties to welcome a peace that the United Nations then keeps by deploying a military presence, not by engaging in armed action.

The Cambodian operation is the most ambitious of its kind ever mounted by the United Nations. It involves 22,000 military and civilian personnel at a cost of \$2 billion, But and national reconciliation.

UN forces in Cambodia are lightly armed. They have been charged with policing a cease-fire Part of the difficulty is that the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, which is responsible for Khmer Rouge refused to disarm, implementing the agreement, lacks and in the absence of such cooper-a mandate for peace enforcement ation the Security Council is faced under the aegis of the United Na-

with either having its authority flouted nr agreeing to the kind of counterinsurgency campaign that drew the United States into the

quagmire of Vietnam.

The problem of mandate is more than a matter of extending UN-TAC's powers. At issue is the willingness of members of the international community to bear the human and material costs of intervening to confront a well-armed and -organized adversary on its own terrain. The Australian and Japanese governments have indicated that they would withdraw their contingents in the event of an all-out attack by the Khmer Rouge.

Moreover, even if peace enforcement in Cambodia gained international support, it would be very different from the kind of UNsanctioned operation that was used against Iraq. Operation Desert Storm took place in very different circumstances than those in the jungles of Cambodia.

In the case of Kuwait, the United



tions and bring its great military power to bear with coalinon partners against the Iraqis because Western oil supplies and other strastake. As in mountainous Bosnia, the nascent civil war in Cambodia does not lend itself to such a conventional military operation. There is no strategic stake; nnly a humanitarian one competing with many others for the United Nations' at-

tention and limited resources. Although the United Nations made the commitment some months ago to hold elections in Cambodia, since then the Khmer Rouge have demonstrated a fierce determination to frustrate the exercise. They have asserted that the polls will only advance the interests of the Vietnamese-installed government in Phnom Penh. That government has indulged in political violence against its electoral op-ponents, although it has not at-tracted the same adverse publicity

as the Khmer Rouge. The killing of Vietnamese residents and Cambodian villagers by the Khmer Rouge has given way to cold-blooded fatal attacks on UN personnel. The recent withdrawal of the Khmer Rouge delegation from their compound in Phnom Penh is an ominous development, suggesting a new phase of military

challenge. UNTAC cannot meet such a challenge, despite its achievements in repatriating refu-

goes and registering voters. The Paris agreement solved a problem among global and region-al powers, but not among Cambodians. Its flawed premise was that the Khmer Rouge had to be made a legitimate party to the accord to avoid a continuing civil war. Instead, the rebels appear bent on

wrecking the settlement. The United Nations could prevent this. But the problem with pleas for the world body to adopt an activist military role, whether in Bosnia or Cambodia, is the connected assumption that the United Nations embodies an international community spirit. It does so at times in certain circumstances but only when there is a clear convergence of interests among its more important members.

At other times, the United Nations is only the feeble sum of its diverse and discordant parts. This is a fundamental reason why the Cambodian conflict remains tragically problematic.

The writer, professor of interna-tional relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribane.

Seven Languages and Tongue-tied

By Garrett Kam

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Chinese - language is the most important factor in retaining

ethnic identity, no matter bow

MEANWHILE

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As an Asian-American (1 pre-

fer the generalities of this term

to the specifics of Chinese-American), identifying with my

heritage is limited to eating Chi-

nese food and appreciating Chi-

nating and exotic, though I ad-

mit to a somewhat low tolerance

Ethnic expectations can cre-

ate some odd and embarrassing situations. Sometimes 1 go to

Chinese restaurants with a Cau-

casian friend. The waiter in-

stinctively asks me in Chinese

what we wish in order, but my blond, blue-eved companinn —

fluent in Mandarin after years

of study and living in China -

What it does reflect is how much

The waiter's evident surprise

for Chinese opera.

answers instead.

I find Chinese culture fasci-

nese art at a superficial level.

terests are.

SINGAPORE — According to the thurist brochures, this island-state is a harmonious ethme mix, chiefly of Chinese and Malays. As an American of Chinese descent, brought up in Ha-waii, I thought I would be in-

stantly at home.

I got lost, of course: I was on
my first visit. Somewhere on Orchard Road, in the beart of the tourist shapping district. I paused in look at a street map and figure out where I was. A young Chinese wuman ap-proached me.

Great, I thought, bere comes a native Singaporean to point me

in the right direction. "Excuse me." she said, "do you know where the Omni Marco Polo Hotel is?" She was Dutch, born in the Netherlands, and a newcomer like me. We were both Jost. Together, we studied the map to plot the best

routes to our destinations. As we walked toward the city center, we chatted about our ex-periences as "overseas" Chi-nese, On sight, we are easily mistaken for Singaporeans by local Chinese, who form a large majority of the population. But try to engage us in Chinese conversation and the truth immediately becomes apparent. Our blank faces prompt disbelief among Chinese Singaporeans that we do not speak the language.

"They always make you feel so snipid," the Chinese-Dutch woman remarked. I agreed.

and nervous laughter shows his true thought: What a stupid A few days before, an elderly Chinese taxi driver in Singa-Chinese person! pore had scolded me for being unable to speak Chinese. He even told me that my simple clothing was not trendy enough Luckily, I have become immune to this kind of attitude and no longer find it offensive.

a person's ethnic identity is still

defined by language.
It is all a bit stily, when you think about it. I speak English as an American of Chinese ancesfor fashion-conscious Singapore. The driver then boasted about try. But I also have an Asianhis two sons, whn had been edu-cated in Britain and were now Pacific upbringing, a result of Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Hasuccessful local businessmen. Of waiian and Samoan relatives, friends and neighbors. course, they spoke Chinese. In his mind — and, I suspect,

In addition, my pursuit of In-donesian studies for nearly 20 years has led to knowledge of the Indonesian, Javanese, Balinese, Sanskrit and Dutch languages. In Singapore, a Malay taxi driver found my appearance and mannerisms similar enough for him to start a conversation in Malay, which I speak fluently.

I enjoyed the ride in his cab. We found we bad much in common. There were name of the chiding remarks or awkward si-lences I encountered with Chinese drivers in Singapore.

I wondered wby language was still identified within such narrow definitions of nationalism and ethnicity. Perhaps it is that

Singaphre is so small.
Yet the Chinese form a large majority of the population and should feel confident and talerant toward others. All of us are, or should be, regarded as equals. Nn one should be made in feel inadequate for lacking an ethni-

cally specific language skill.
I dread to think what it would be like for me in Taiwan or China. Maybe it would be better to say that I am Burmese or Cambodian, instead of Chinese,

The writer, who is preparing a book on Balinese art, contributed this comment to the International

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Science vs. Religion

Regarding "Big Science Takes a Look Upstairs" (Opinion, April 10)

by Bryan Appleyard: The writer makes the classic mistake of expecting explanations from religions, although even the most superficial examination of the many religious "explanations" shows them to be pure babble arising from primitive man's ignorance and his fear of death and other unknowns. The only difference be-tween religions and any of the helter-skelter superstitions is that reli-

gions are organized. The only function of a pure belief structure is to restrict investigation. Religion, being a guided belief structure, has had other functions in history, most of which have resulted in discrimination, persecu-

tion, slavery, torture and war. Sciences, such as physics and chemistry, having recently escaped most of the influences of religion, move forward at a sometimes terrifying pace. The so-called social sciences, forced to coexist with many religions; have been beld in the Middle Ages, at best. The Muslim fundamentalists are not the only ones marching resolutely into the 15th century. The Catholics are making great strides. The Vatican, in the year of our Lord 1992, quietly admitted that Galileo was right.

JOE WILLIAMS. Düsseldorf.

Legacy of East Timor

of Timor Killings" (April 22): With so many war zones in today's world, one tends to forget the cers, business people, professionals

cle ought to be corrected: the use of the term "separatist" to identify those East Timorese struggling for independence. As your correspondent says, East Timor, formerly a Portuguese colony, was invaded by the Indonesians, and the interna-tional community has never recog-

nized this act of aggression. "Separatism" implies a movement seeking to break away from Indonesia. The recent talks about East Timor between Portugal and Indonesia under UN auspices made no progress and you report that the parties agreed to continue a dialogue on "confidence-huilding measures." In my view these mea-

East Timor and the preparation of a referendum among the Timorese to determine their own future. LIEM SOEI LIONG, Thornton Heath, England, The conflict that resulted from Indonesia's invasion of East Timor cannot be described as a "civil war,"

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drawal of Indonesian troops from

any more than one would have de scribed resistance by Kuwaitis against the Iraci Army as such. REED BRODY, Executive Director.

International Human Rights

. Law Group. Washington. The View From Haiti

Regarding "No Need to Worry About Haiti, 'Injustice Will Pre-val!" (Opinion, April 7):

Herbert Gold's main concern Regarding "Repression as Legacy" the Haitian political crisis, but a secret desire to pumish or hurt the name of enother political regime. Tight-skinned Haitians, army offisufferings of the East Timorese. One of the sort who have traditionally coror in your highly informative arti- grown rich in Haiti." Mr. Gold the French Republic.

writes as if growing rich and being Haitian is a sin in itself.

How does he explain the Haitian government's almost desperate attempts to lift the U.S. embargo? Almism?

Mr. Gold makes a blanker condemnation of those Haitians who dare to speak French, are civilized and hold their own against the badly disguised racism and envy the white world harbors against them because they are black, or black-and-white, and too often more cultured and cultivated than the foreigners coming to play big-shot-inthe jungle around them.

> PHILIPPE BRIERRE Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

An Assassin's Aim

Regarding "Sarajevo, a Year Later. Survival Is the Main Job" (April 7): The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand was not "aimed at de-stroying a society," but at ending Austria-Hungary's rule over Bosnia, as well as over Croatia and Slovenia. TATJANA DRAGIC

Imperial Oversight Regarding "Hinterland View: No

Choice but Yeltsin" (April 24): Your correspondent, impressed by the ankle-deep slime on Russian roads, expresses his "sympathy for Napoleon and his Republican Guard, floundering on the Smolensk Road." Since Napoleon was, as most people know, an emperor, I doubt that he would have been visionary

V. GISCARD D'ESTAING.

The writer is a former president of

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland

MINISTRY OF WORKS & CONSTRUCTION

TENDER NOTICE

of Sections I and II of the Mbabane ~ Manzini Highway. Tender NOS. 165/6... of 1992.

Transport Sector Project - Construction

which this information applies.

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of the above road, brief details of which are given below. Part of the proceeds of the ADB loan will be

applied to eligible payments under the contract(s) to

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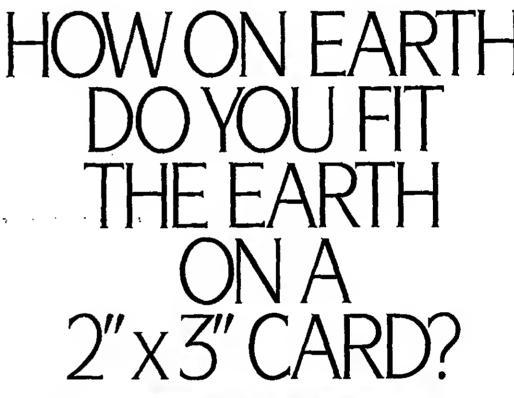
required to be valid for 120 days from date appointed for the tender submission.

Tenders will be opened in public on 09/07/1993 at 09.00 local time at the conference room of the Treasury Building in Mbabane.

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A site visit will be arranged for Tenderers (compulsory) and is provisionally scheduled for 26/05/93 at 09.00 hours to depart from the Ezulwini Sun hotel at 09.30 hours. The site visit will be followed by a meeting at which the Client will deal with questions submitted by tenderers.

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'Summer Sounds: It's Festival Time

Summer means festivals. There are literally hundreds of music festivals around the world, with the highest concentration in Europe, and it can be mindboggling to choose one. Are you going strictly for the music, or should you also choose a good setting? Will the place be so swamped with people that you can't hear or see a thing? Will your kids be miserable and make you wish you'd stayed home? Here are some guidelines to finding the right festival from our music critics Mike Zwerin (jazz and pop) and David Stevens (classical).

By Mike Zwerin

 Avoid afternoon concerts — jazz is night music. The sun burns it out (dawn is ideal). If you must go, be sure to wear a pork-pie hat and

2. If you attend more than one festival, watch out for recycling. The same promoter spins off bands all over Europe to recoup trans-Atlantic transportation costs. You risk hearing the same

people playing the same licks.

3. Beware of "festival seating," which means no seats at all. To be able to see, let alone hear the music, get your place up front at least half

4. If you want to hear real jazz, study the program carefully before going. Rock, funk and technopop are sneaking into "jazz" festivals.

5. On the other hand, if you're going with your kids, choose festivals where rock, funk and technopop have snuck in. Kids don't know any

6. ff it's an outdoor festival, check out the

weather forecast carefully. High winds and rain do not the creative spirit foster.

7. Be forewarned: Outdoor festivals often lack proper "facilities."

8. Never go to more than two jazz festivals in a row. Hearing too much music you love can be bad for the digestion.

 Do not support "cultural cleansing." Avoid festivals with themes like "Euro," "traditional" or "avant-garde," Without variety, a s jazz festival is not a jazz festival.

10. Avoid festivals featuring "all-star jam sessions." That's a cuphemism for lack of planning and total anarchy.
(Note for musicians: Never play a jam session with a guy called Hot Lips.)

By David Stevens ational Herald Tribuna

1. No plans made? Take a chance. With determination and stamina, there's no such thing as sold out. Exception: Bayreuth, where if you don't have a ticket for Wagner there is nothing to do but consume beer and bratwurst.

2. Tradition counts. Most festivals are postwar creations, but some have a longer history:
Bayreuth, purveyor of Wagner for more than a
century; Munich, Wagner's second home, but
also Mozart's and Strauss'; Salzburg, Mozart,
of course, but much more, founded in 1920; Florence, the Maggio Musicale, since the '30s, an operatie revival in the city of art; Lucerne. founded in the late '30s as a musical refuge from gathering war clouds.

3. France has at least 200 "festivals," most of them inventions of artists' managers trying to keep their clients busy in the summer, or of château owners in search of visitors. Caveat

4. For opera in vast surroundings, with huge crowds — and good acoustics — think of the Verona Arena in Italy or the Roman Theatre Antique in Orange, in Provence.

5. For opera in minuscule surroundings, think of the 18th-century Baroque-Rococo theaters at Drottningholm, near Stockholm; the Cuvilliès Theater in Munich; Schwetzingen, near Mannheim in Germany (where the festival coincides with Europe's greatest asparagus market); the Theatre Gabriel at Versailles; the Estates (Tyl) Theater in Prague, where Mozart conducted his own operas, and (oldest of all) the Teatro Caio Melisso in Spoleto.

6. For piano freaks, the festival at La Roque d'Antheron in Provence in August is all key-



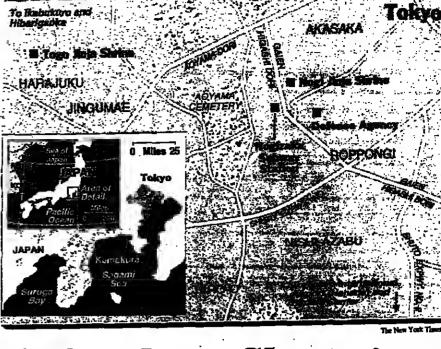
of Brescia and Bergamo, in May. 7. For addicts of a particular composer: besides Bayreuth and Wagner, there are Aldeburgh and Britten, Pesaro and Rossini, Linz and Bruckner, Bergen and Grieg, Lockenhaus (near Bregenz) and its Schubertiades.

8. For oenophiles, Bordeaux's Mai Musical is close to the great Médoc châteaux. Beanne's Festival of Baroque Music is in Burgundy's wine capital, and Siena's Settimana Musicale is

near the great Tuscan vineyards.

9. Cosmos and spas have discovered that music can add to their charms in Evian, Divonne-les-Bains, Aix-en-Provence, Monte Carlo and Wiesbaden, among others. 10. Big cities have their attractions. Berlin

(September), Paris (Festival d'Automne, Octo-ber-December), and Vienna (May-June) have a lot going on even if the festival programs leave you cold.



A Guide to Shopping For Tokyo Antiques

By Sherill A. Leonard

OKYO — Wedged between modern office buildings and tucked away along Tokyo's back streets are treasures that the Japanese themselves rarely buy: antique furniture, pottery and fabrics in an array of styles and pottery and fabrics in an array of styles and prices. The Japanese have not exactly turned their backs on the relics of their past, but prosperity, small residences and a taste for Western design have encouraged many to sell off the old family furnishings, such as tonsu — the elaborate wooden chests used for storing kimonos and other valuables -

in favor of contemporary models.

Some dealers say it is harder than ever to find desirable antiques these days, and they are probably right. Prices for good tansu, the folding screens painted on silk or paper called byobu, and collectible Imari (colorful porcelain produced in southern Japan begin-ning in the 17th century) have increased steadily. But many shops are full of smaller, decorative antiques and accessories at af-fordable prices that will satisfy all but the most serious collector.

Weekends are the best time to sample the markets, starting with "simine sales" (sometimes called flea markets in English-language publications here) held on the grounds of some of Tokyo's most picturesque Shinto shrines. These open-air sales offer a mixed bag of treasures and junk, all displayed on blankets and bamboo mats. Prices are lower than in more formal settings, and the variety is tremendous. Sales take place at the Togo Jima in the Harajuku area on the first and fourth Sundays of the month (telephone 3403-3591) and at the Nogi Jinja in the Roppongi area on the second Sunday of the mouth (3402-2181).

If you are Jacky, your visit will coincide with the Heiwaiima Antiques Fair, held six times a year in a vast convention center opposite the Ryutsu Center stop of the monorail line to Haneda Airport. Dozens of antiques dealers from around the country travel to Tokyo for the occasion. The next fair will be held May 2, 3 and 4. For information, call 3980-8228.

An excellent way to sample Tokyo's an-

tiones shops is to stroll through the city's Roppongi district. Roppongi is by night a neon-lighted scene of restaurants, bars and the leather-clad under-30 set, and by day a busting business district where aniques

shops quietly coexist with the gleaning wealth of modern Japan.

The most common way to find stores and restangants is to call ahead and ask for a map to be faxed to your hotel.

Harumi Antiques (9-6-14 Akasaka, 3403-1043), seils antiques of varying quality at a range of prices, from the rustic style called mingei (folk art) to the more refined lacquerware and Imari. Look for small Imari plates and bowls (\$50 to \$150 apiece), dark-bam-boo baskets (\$100 and up), tansu in different sizes (usually about \$1,000 and up) and a superior collection of abis (\$30 and up) stashed away in giant, old kitchen chests.

Kurofune (7-7-4 Roppongi, 3479-1552) has three floors of 200-year-old tansu in excellent condition, old maps, Imari plates, ukiyo-e (woodblock prints), aged baskets for ikebana flower arrangements and large blue and white ceramic hibachis out front. Prices are among the steepest in Tokyo (a dresser-sized tansn with line metalwork from the Sendai region costs about \$6,000), but the quality is arguably the best.

Kathryn Milan antiques (3-1-14 Nishi Azabn, 3408-1532; open weekends or by ap-pointment) sells tansu (an Edo-era Sendai tansu costs about \$5,000), the paneled screens called byobu, and hibachis (lacquer, bronze, ceramic and wooden), but she also carries hard-to-find decorative measures, such as lamps made of old Chinese ginger jars for \$300 to \$500 and ranna (carved wooden panels mounted above sliding doors in tradidollars and up.

Okura Oriental Art (3-3-14 Azabudai, 585-5309), with a small, fine selection of tansu, lanterns and Japanese accessories. The antique Imari is of especially good quality. A small handpainted bowl may cost about \$200.

Sherill A. Leonard, who has lived for five years in Tokyo, wrote this for The New York. Times.

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MUSIC GUIDE

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· Aix-en-Proveace Festival (tel: 42.17.34.00). July 1f-28: Opera in the courtyard of the 18th-century archbishop's palace includes Mozart's "Don Giovanni," Weber's "Euryanthe" and Handel's "Orlando," along

with choral programs and vocal recitals.

• Aldeburgh Festival of Music and Arts (tel: 453,543). June 11-27: A series of concerts with feature performances by Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, Julian Bream on guitar and Benjamin Britten's opera "Owen Wingrave," conducted by Oliver Knussen.

• Bergen Festival (tel: 216.100). June 2-15:

In commemorating the f50th anniversary of the birth of Edvard Grieg, this festival fea-tures opera, ballet, theater and symphonic performances. Among the participants are the Norwegian National Ballet, the Prague Chamber Orchestra and the Royal Dramatic Theater of Stockholm.

• Berlin Festival Weeks (tel: 254.890). Aug. 31 to Sept. 30: Berlin's annual festival of the arts opens with the Berlin Staatskapelle under Daniel Barenboim. Other concerts are by the Berlin Philharmonic, the New Symnony Orchestra of Tokyo and the Krakow State Philharmonic.

• Estoril Music Festival (tel: 468.5607). July 3 to Aug. 7: Marking the 450th anniver-sary of the Portuguese arrival in Japan, this festival features open-air jazz as well as solo, orchestral, choral, and chamber concerts.

Chorégies d'Orange (tel: 90.43.24.24). July 17 to Aug. 7: Opera in the Roman Théâtre Antique of this Provençal city. This year's program offers Verdi's "La Traviata" and "Otello."

to Sept. 12: The roster of conductors for this musical event includes Esa-Pekka Salonen. Miguel Gomez Martinez and Marek Janowski, among others.

• Maggio Musicale (tel: 277.9236). April 27 to June 27: Florence's operas this year include Bizet's "Carmen," Janacek's "Jenufa" and Mozart's "Magic Flute." The Vienna Philharmonic, the London Symphony and

the Orchestre de Paris give concerts, and 3 ballet program pays homage to Diaghilev with choreographies of Fokine and Nijinsky.

• Montreux Jazz Festival (tel: 963,1212). July 2-17: Jazz, jazz and more jazz with feature performances by Chris Isaak. Joe Henderson, Al Green, the Ray Brown Trio. Dec Dec Bridgewater and Fats Domino.

 Munich Opera Festival (tel: 49.89.21.85). July 1 to Aug. 7: This year's festival opens with a new production of Shostakovich's "Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk" with Hildegard Behrens in the title role, and "La Traviata" is Varady in the title role.

• North Sea Jazz Festival (tel: 361.7710). July 9,10,11: A weekend jazz festival featuring B. B. King, Wynton Marsalis, Oscar Peterson and Carlos Santana.

• Richard Wagner Festival (tel: 202.21). July 25 to Aug. 28: Bayreuth's new production is "Tristan und Isolde," staged by Heiner Müller and conducted by Daniel Barenboim.

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and the Vienna Symphony. new staging of "Carmen."

May 14 to June 20: World premieres bring Moscow's Taganka Theater with Alfred Schnittke's music drama "Zhivago," based on Pasternak, and Steve Reich's "The Cave."

Directed by Alan Spencer.

For anyone who bas ever

dreamed of being a hotel desk clerk, this film describes the

comic adventures of Matthew

Welsh (Arye Gross), clerk ex-

traordinaire. Matthew's Mit-

tyesque life is filled with far-

fetched escapades, since he

emicys borrowing clothes and

cars from other parts of the ho-

tel and masquerading as a man

about town. This fantasy life

becomes dangerous when Mai-

thew finagles a date with Hexina (Claudia Christian), a bomi-

cidal, world-famous model.

Hexina. He has been threaten-

ing her with photos from the

days when she was fat. Spen-

cer's screenplay is somewhat funnier than his direction;

there are a couple of dumb ho-

Directed by John Duigan,

This adaptation of the Jean

Rhys novel is a seriously exotic

Wide Sargasso Sea

(Janet Mastin, NYT)

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"Wide Sargasso Sea." Parker and Lombard in "

Gothic romance that is just as lean as the 1944 film adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre" was big and thunderously emotional. The Rhys novel, published in 1966, is the story of the mad first Mrs. Rochester, (Karina Lombard), the mysterious locked-up Creole heiress Antoinette whose existence almost wrecks the life of sweet, steadfast Jane Eyre. Taking the scant information on her in the. Broute tale, Rhys dared to imagine an earlier tale of love

and loss between Rochester and Antoineste that stands triumphantly on its own in hot, lush Jamaica. This is clearly not Bronte country. It is Jean Rhys country. This film is as cool, precise and hard as the Rhys prose. Nathaniel Parker, who plays Rochester, is exceptionally good in a difficult, shadowy role. (Vincent Canby, NYT)

The Dark Half Directed by George A. Romero. U. S.

The scene is an operating room,

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott S TUDY the North-South cards shown in the diagram, with the East-West cards concealed, and

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the patient a teen-age boy who has been suffering terrible headaches. The surgeon removes a portion of the skull to reveal the cause of the problem: embedded in the boy's brain are an eye and two fully developed teeth, one of which has a slight cavity. The eye and the teeth are all that remain of the patient's undeveloped twin, absorbed by the stronger fetus when the two were in their mother's womb. The story moves forward 23 years as George A. Romero does a funny and horrific screen adaptation of Stephen King's 1989 novel "The Dark Half," It is an exceptionally entertaining film.

(Vincent Canby, NYT) Bodies, Rest and Motion Directed by Michael Stein-

berg, U.S. Every generation spends a while in the navel observatory

before learning that it's a shallow, lint-clogged pursuit. Brid-get Fonda, Eric Stoltz, Phoebe Cates and Tim Roth do the honors for the post-yuppies in this uneven, uneventful get-alife movie set in a desert community. Roger Hedden based this blabby play-turned-movie on his own post-collegial mal-aise and confusion states that he and the director have captured all too well.

(Rita Kempley, WP)

Great moments in

jurisprudence: A woman called

Cynthia Albritton, who made plaster casts of rock stars' genitalis in the late 1960s, was awarded \$10,000 damages by a Los Angeles court for being denied the chance to display her works. Renters tells us she sued a music publisher for \$1 million because he would not return the casts, which she had given to him for safekeeping. The court also ordered their return to Albritton. Can't wait for the

next installment,



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TEVE finally made the dam burst quite dramatically," says Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland. "About five million people a year traveling business class through Heath-row have suddenly got lower fares. That is

The Frequent Traveler

because other airlines have cut fares by a quarter to match ours on our main European

"I think you have two things at work here. First a ground swell of resentment among regular business travelers that they've been subsidizing the leisure passengers and that airlines have been immune to criticism. Second, the recession has made business travel-ers more selective; they have been traveling in the back of the plane themselves. They are saying: We want a better deal. It's taken BM

as a catalyst to force the issue."

British Midland, the second largest carrier in Britain, has crusaded for cheaper business fares with a one-class service throughout the plane — arguably as good as business class on other carriers. BM offered e three-day round trip et around 30 percent less than competitor's business class. The only condition is that you had to come back within three days or trade up to the full fare.

Normal economy on other airlines would bring you business class with BM. This at-tracted business travelers fed up with paying top dollar for a flexible ticket and e few trills.

But the issue was finally forced on March 28 when BM introduced its Diamond Euro-Class, e separate business cabin on European routes. For the first time the traveler could gain access to the front cabin with three fares — the highest of which (Euro-Class Executive) was pitched et no more than the normal economy fare charged by other airlines on the route; a EuroClass three-day executive return; and e EuroClass Eurobudget, normally a normally back-of-the-plane fare which carries some restrictions but allows an open return. This meant

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round trips at the other end.

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your end, get the agent to sell you a one-

Do look for new services - such as SAS

Brussels-Lyon and Iberia Amsterdam-

country" airlines in competion with the

Stockholm - operated by "third

route. If you cannot buy the cheapest fare at

way ticket and buy the return or a series of

savings of up to 15 percent for normal busioess class and up to 40 percent for people willing to sacrifice some flexibility in return for a cheaper business-class fare which you can upgrade without penalties.

So on Heathrow-Paris, for instance, BM's EuroClass Executive was introduced et £270 (about \$420) round-trip -a saving of £48 on the British Airways/Air France business class fare of £318; three-day executive et £240; and Eurobudget at £180, saving £78 and £138 respectively.

The competitive response was rapid. British Airways, Lufthansa, Air France, KLM, and Aer Lingus have all either cut full business class fares or introduced Eurobudget or threeround trip fares in the business cabin.

Do try to fly a route served by at least

Don't forget to compare conditions for

discounted business fares, such as advance

purchase, change of booking, and length

of stay. Promotional fares come and go.

Make sure your agent informs you of the

three competing airlines.

Check the Conditions

latest offers.

Some examples: London-Duhlin: Aer Lingus brings in a three-day return and Eurobudget fares to match BM (£199 and £201).

Londoo-Amsterdam: KLM introduces e lower round-trip business fare for £248 and a three-dey return at £218 to match BM. British Airways matches these lower business

British Airways cut its business class fares between the United Kingdom and Amster-dam, Helsinki, and Paris by up to 25 percent in a promotion due to run to the end of June. KLM has responded by matching the BA offer with a promotional fare of its own on London-Amsterdam (£218 return. a saving

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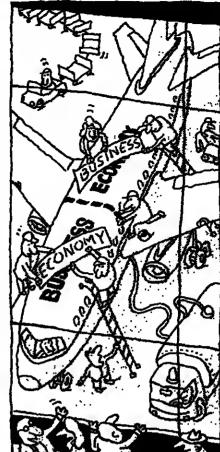
of £56 on the full husiness fare of £274). Air France has also matched the new BA fare on London-Paris with a promotional fare of £240 available until the end of June.

Meanwhile, SAS has been rolling out its own discounted business fare. Euroticket, which cuts an average of 20 percent off the cormal business class fare between Scandinavia and most European destinations. So far, this is only available for round trips starting in Scandinavia and flying SAS. You must book your outbound ticket at least four days in advance, but the return coupon can be booked or changed any time. You can come back the next day if you want. More competitive business fares are the

welcome consequence of the third EC liberalization package, which came into force with the Commoo Market on Jan. 1. It enables community airlines to set their own fares, and to fly between two other EC states without having to start or end in their own

But merely reforming the regulatory framework will oot bring fares down. If an airline can get away with high fares it will. The only thing that will lead to true price competition is to have at least three airlines operating e route. The crucial point is that 10 out of the 15 busiest routes are still only served by two national carriers with identical business fares. Bishop promises e raft of new destinctions — if he can get the slots to provide the frequency that the business traveler needs - at least half a dozen peak-time flights e day.

The dominos have started to fall.



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Osterreichisches Museum für angewandte Kunst (tel: 711,360). May 1-9. To celebrate the reopening of the museum after renovation, there will be a week-long festival featuring workshops, concerts, lectures, performences and guided tours.

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Antwerp Koninkijk Museum voor Shone Kunsten (tel: 238.7809), To June 27; "Jacob Jordaens: 1593-1678." A Flemish tribute to the Baroque entist with more than 100 paintings, draw-

ings and prints.

London:

The National Gallery (tel: 839.3321). To June 20: "Paintings from the Bowes Museum." Includes works by Sessetta, Heenskerck, El Greco, Boucher, Goya and Courbet. Royal "Academy of Arts (tel: 439.7438), To June 6: "Georges Rouaut: The Early Years 1903-20." A remospective including paintings, welconlors, carentics and travitors. watercolors, ceramics and drawings. South Bank Centre (tel: 928.3002). To June 6: "Revenge: A Mask in Five Tableaux." Exhibit consecrated to black people who died during the At-lantic stere trade days, it includes acrylic pointings by the Tanzanian art-ist Lubiana Himid.

CANADA

Art Gellery of Onterio (Tel: 977,0414), To Aug. 1: "Mester Prints from the Museum's Private Collecfrom the Museum's Private Collec-tion." Featuring more than 100 prints realized between the 15th and 20th century, included are works by Al-brecht Dorer, Rembrandt, Paul Gau-

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Wallenstein Riding School Valdsteinska (tel: 231.5135). To May 2:
"Bohumil Kubista: 1884-1918."
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drawings and prints trace the development of the Czech artist's career.

DENMARK

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42.19.07.19). To May 9: "At the Edge of Chaos: New Images of the World." A survey of developments in the field of architecture, the visual arts and science.

FRANCE

Gibilotheque Nationele (1el: 47,03.81.10). To May 23: "Le Printemps des Genies." More than 185 works of literature, music, pelnting, sculpture and science document achievements of artists before they achievements of amiss better a re-reached the age of 20. Includes works by Pascal, Mozari, Hugo, By-ron, Flaubert and Rimbaud. Grand Palais (Isl: 47.22.20.42). To June 14: "Le Siecle de Tiflen." The

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in the art of photography with works
by John Baldessari, David Boeno, by John Baldessarl, David Boeno, Gilbert and George, Andres Serrano and Patrick Tosani.

GERMANY

Startliche Museen (tel: 266.2629). To Jan. 31: "Fifties: Interieur und Design in Deutschland." This exhibit focuses on trends in architecture and interior design in the reconstruction efforts after World War II.

Kunst und Ausstellungshalle (tel: 917,1200). To July 11: "Dancing Im-

ages: Flags of the Fante Asalo." More than 100 traditional flegs with ribal insignias from the coastal Gha-na region. Also, to Sept. 30: "Alexan-der Calder: The Monumental Sculp-

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The Irish Museum of Modern Art (tel: 718.666). To June 1: "Elaine Reichek." Reichek Incorporetes peinting, photography, knitting and needlepoint into her works.

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(tel: 502.859). To Aug. 31: "Due
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To Oct. 31: "Courtesans in Japanese Prints." Courtesans served as e central theme in 18th and 19th century prints. This show locuses attention

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For travelers whose

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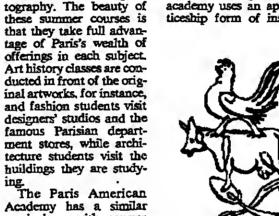
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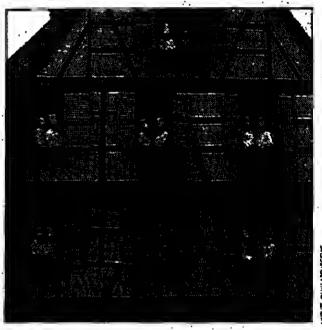
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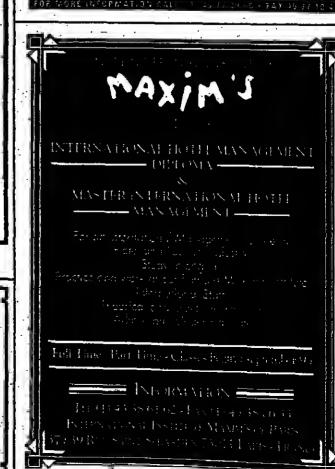
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Language schools for visitors abound in Europe, and most of them offer that extra something that can take the "all-work" aspect out of learning a lan-

The Université d'Aix-Marseille III, located in the beautiful Provencal town of Aix-en-Provence, offers three intensive fourweek courses in French in June, July and September. Small groups spend 20 hours a week in class. In the afternoon, two-hour workshops cover special popies such as comic books (a veritable art form in France), French literature and poetry or commercial French. Saturdays are devoted to outings in Provence. The university. helps students find appro-

priate accommodations. In a gorgeous seaside setting on the French Riviera, the Institut de Francais in Villefranche, near Nice, offers four- or eightweek total-immersion courses that stress diversified teaching approaches in small groups in a French-only speaking en-vironment. They are held in a handsome hillside villa overlooking the port town and the sea, and the Institut can arrange for housing in its own apartments in town or in a ho-

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In spite of its name, the French American Study Center in Lisieux receives students from all over the



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The nearby Université de Caen was founded in 1432 by one of the kings of England and was one of the first universities in France to build an American-style campus. Continuing this tradition of contact with the Anglophone world, the university welcomes foreign students every summer for a special course of Frenchlanguage study. One of the university's advantages is its location near the beaches of Normandy, only a

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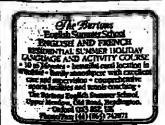
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military spending, housing construction gree only 0.2 percent after jumping 25.1 percent last fall, and consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the economy, edged ahead by only 1.2 percent after jumping by 5.1 percent.

A more ominous note was struck by a 7
percent decline in exports after a half-year of more than 9 percent growth.

The declines in the domestic sectors were unusually sharp because they represented a fall from a higher peak in the fourth quarter. The peak, in turn, was based on pent-up consumer spending released by postelection euphoria. Thus the inevitable letdown was bound to be exaggerated, and "the economy is not as weak as the numbers suggest," said Mickey Levy of CRT Government Securities, who forecast a return to 3 percent growth in the second half of the year and few new jobs.

But Allen Sinai of the Boston Company was less certain. "Basically what we see is an undulating track of 2 to 3 percent growth," he said, which is better than 1990 and 1991 but not a He noted that inventories grew as consumers failed to pull new merchandise off the shelves.

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STUMBLE: U.S. Economic Growth Slows (Continued from page 1)
tivity and profits but by definition does not spring sales figures. After the March blizzard, Mr. Sinai said, automobile and other retail sales had bounced back for Easter, but not to a level Thursday's figures left economists uncertain whether even this pattern of growth would persist. In addition to the sharp decline in

indicating a resumption of growth at 3 percent for the second quarter. The figures indicate growth of only about 1.5 to 2.5 percent, he said. The next signals will come from the employment figures May 7. Thursday's weekly report on new unemployment claims was not encourng, with the number down only by 7,000 to

349,000, indicating a flat job market.
■ Sales of U.S. Homes Surge

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Sales of new U.S. homes rose 4.8 percent in
March, the second straight advance, The Associated Press reported from Washington.
Sales of single-family houses totaled 637,000
at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from a
revised 608,000 in February, the government
reported. The rise came as the Midwest and
West escaped a winter blizzard that damped
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activity in the Northeast and South. "It's a pleasant surprise," said David F. Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders, who like most other economists had expected the storm to cause overall sales to

Daryl Delano of Cahners Economics in Newton, Massachusetts, said upward revisions in both January and February were just as significant as the March report.

The January pace was revised to a 597,000 annual rate from 561,000, while the February rate was increased to 608,000 from 595,000. Still, sales in both months were less than had been expected, which analysts also attributed to

and the 6.4 percent decline in government spending was "a real drag" as the military binge of the 1980s wound down and the administration struggled to cut the federal budget deficit. A weak signal has already been sounded in R 1.73 滋

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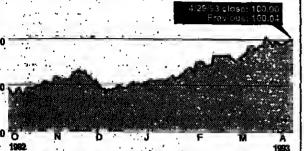
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WALL STREET WATCH

Investors Seeking Yield Fuel Comeback in REITs

By Jeanne B. Pinder

New York Times Service EW YORK — As banks, developers and others flee in terror from their troubled property investments, some people are snapping up these assets, eager to cash in on a potential recovery in real estate as low interest rates continue to make other investments less appealing.

Rather than buying properties directly, many people are investing in a real estate investment trust, a kind of mutual fund that buys real estate and passes profits along to investors. Under the 1960 law that established them,

these trusts are not taxed as corporate entities but are required to pass along 95 percent of their earnings to shareholders as dividends and to have at least 75

percent of their total assets in real estate. . These trusts, known as REITs, are risky, and investors in them suffered spectacular losses in the mid-1970s and again in the late 1980s. The overhaul of American tax law passed in 1986 reduced the incentives for holding real estate privately, and that helped publicly traded REITs.

estate crash that was about to come, and some say it was a contributing factor. And the ensuing depression in property prices hurt REITs along with the rest of the real estate sector.

Today, the trusts account for just a fraction of the real estate

But at the same time, the 1986 law was at least a signal of the real

market, but they are experiencing explosive growth. So far this year, REITs have grown an extraordinary 25 percent, compared with 21 percent for all of 1992.

The market capitalization of the 140 or so publicly traded REITs soared to \$19.7 billion at the end of March from \$15.7 billion at the end of 1992. The influx of money is welcomed in real estate circles, where an

overabundance of properties — including many vacant or partly filled buildings — is still depressing prices.

"REIT's are one of few ways in which significant amounts of reasonably priced capital is made available to the real estate markets," said John Pattillo, analyst in the Penobscot Group, an independent analyst group based in Boston. "And real estate does provide disproportionately higher yields as compared to other asset classes right now."

But for investors, there are more than a few risks in these vehicles, in which a group of buildings or mortgages is combined into a trust that offers shares to institutions or individuals. The process creates an entity that resembles a corporation, whose stock can be readily bought and sold

Right now, the rewards appear great. Publicly traded REITs See REITs, Page 14

Gold's Comeback: Only 10 Karat Price Is Rising, but Is Nowhere Near Previous Highs

By Jonathan Fuerbringer New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Gold is rallying. Gold traders are busy. Gold analysts are smiling and predicting higher prices — yes, higher

That is quite a change for gold, which was banished to the minor leagues of metal trading in the mid-1980s after enjoying major league status in the 1970s and especially in 1980, when prices hit \$850 an ounce. Every rally has been quashed as the price moved relentlessly lower, slumping to \$326.90 on March 10, its

lowest level in more than eight years. This time, prices appear to be rising be-cause of fundamental changes in supply and demand that have been lacking in past rallies. Inflation fears, which have pushed up the price of gold in the past, are not a major driving force in the West but could be stimulating the buying seen in China. Whatever the cause, analysts say, the support is not there to take gold to lofty new price levels.

The price of gold on the Commodity Exchange in New York has jumped more than 9 percent, or \$30.50 an ounce, from its year low to its highest level since last August. Almost half that increase has come in the last week and that is what is grabbing the attention. In Comex trading Thursday, the metal jumped

\$3.00 to close at \$357.40 an ounce. Ian MacDonald, manager of precious metals at Crédit Suisse, is saying things he has oot ottered for years. "I am seeing a very dynamic turnaround," he said. "The bear market has ended."

But this is still a far cry from gold's previous surges. Mr. MacDonald's predictions, which are in line with those of several other gold analysts, put the price of gold up an additional 6 percent by the end of the year. "Realistically, there is nothing that says we cannot go to \$380, easily," he said.

That means that more than half the rally is past. And even at that level, the price would still be well below the \$427 that gold hit early in 1990. As of now, Mr. MacDonald and others are not talking of returning to those

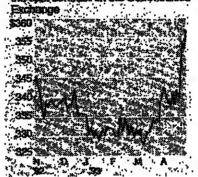
The rally still means a lot for traders, who thrive on price movements. And for investors like Sir James Goldsmith, an internationa financier, and George Soros, a renowned fund manager and speculator, it could mean large profits. The two completed a deal last week under which funds managed by Mr. Soros will buy a 10 percent stake in Newmont Mining Co., which Sir James controls. He used pro-

ceeds from the sale to buy options on gold.

The rumor of the buying of options on Friday, the report of the sale on Monday and, possibly, Mr. Soros's appearance on Cable News Network's "Business Day" program all contributed to gold's rise. Some traders said

The Price of Gold

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they jumped in because they believed the two investors might know something they did not. At the least, by publicly disclosing their investment, Mr. Soros and Sir James have certainly increased their own paper profits, for now. Mr. Soros was unavailable and exce-

clined to comment. The other factors in the rally are the reports of heavy buying of gold in Asia, especially in China, where many Chinese are reaping the benefits of the opening of the economy and are buying gold because they lack options for investing. According to some estimates, the Chinese could buy 1,000 metric tons of gold this year, which is more than South Africa and the United States produce.

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Joseph Rosta, the research director at CPM Group, a precious metals consulting group, said money was flowing into gold because some investors had decided that the bond and stock markets had topped out. He also argued that investors have chosen "to take a fresh look" at gold, in part because prices have fallen so low.

One reason for the slump in the price of gold in the 1980s was an oversupply caused by overproduction and large sales by Russia and others. But there have been recent signs that this supply glut is beginning to turn.

■ Silver Shoots Higher

Silver climbed to its highest level in nine months as the recent rise in precious metals prices triggered demand from commodity funds, Bloomberg reported from New York.

July silver climbed for the sixth consecutive session on the Commodity Exchange, gaining 17.2 cents to \$4.38 an ounce,

Silver rose despite weaker than expected U.S. economic data.

East Germans To Begin Strike On Monday

FRANKFURT — Engineering workers and steelworkers in dozens of East German plants will go on strike Monday, and their West German counterparts will observe a day of "protest action and soli-darity" on May 12, the trade union IG Metall said Thursday.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Theo Waigel said in Washington that the recession in Germany had been more intense than expected and he predicted the economy in Western Germany would contract by 1.5 percent this year.

He also said that the turning point for the German and European economies would come later than the middle of this year.

The union announced plans for the strike a day after securing an overwhelming mandate from engineering workers in the states of Saxony and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and from steelworkers

across Eastern Germany. It will be the first major industrial stoppage in Eastern Germany

for 60 years.
"This is IG Metall's response to the unprecedented scrapping of valid pay agreements by the engiocering and steel employers," said Franz Steinkühler, president of the

will be hit in the first phase of the strike in order to minimize the immediate economic damage.

But the union said the first strike wave would be followed by strike ballots in other Eastern states -Berlin-Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia - beginning on

Mr. Steinkühler ooted that 25 percent of union members had voted for the strike, 10 percent more

than the union needed.

"After decades of oppression and lack of freedom, after the countless promises that the govern-ment and employers made after unification in 1990 but did not keep, the metalworkers have adopted a difficult course, their heads held high," he said.

But he kept the door ajar, saying the union had targeted only 50 companies, a relatively small oumber, "in order to give employers one more chance to resolve the conflict before it escalates further."

Hans-Joachim Gottschol, president of the employers' association, called for IG Metall to show moderation, saying it was still possible to "negotiate an overall or regional compromise."

IG Metall said it was willing to extend the deadline for achieving pay parity. But it is remaining firm on the principle of the contract, worried that bosses could seize a precedent set in the East to tear up wage accords in the West. (AFP, Reuters)

Only a small oumber of plants

Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt pledged Thursday to con-tinue support for West Germany's heavily subsidized hard coal industry even after a state aid program expires in 1995, Reuters reported

■ A Pledge for German Coal

The statement, made before a rally of about 80,000 miners, was Mr. Rexrodt's clearest commitment so far in favor of the industry.

Germany Won't Be Rushed on Rate Cuts

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - Germany warned its allies on Thursday that it would not be rushed into cutting interest rates as the world's seven most powerful industrial nations met to find

ways to bolster the shaky global economy. "We have not adopted a strategy of aggressive rate cuts," Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, Germany's central bank, told reporters shortly before the start of a meeting of the Group of Seven nations. "Such a strategy could have a service as the start of the start strategy could have negative consequences."

Mr. Schlesinger also said that Germany "has no further margin of maneuver" to reduce rates following this week's cut in the repurchase rate, because it has not yet brought inflation under

His comments seemed intended as a remind-Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan and the United States - that Germany would not be pressured into cutting rates prematurely.

Germany has repeatedly cut interest rates in

recent months, most recently on Wednesday, but the United States believes more occds to be

done to end Europe's economic slump.

Before the meeting got under way at midday, the U.S. Treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, said the United States was "delighted" with the Bundesbank's recent interest rate cuts, but added, "We hope that overall the rates in Europe can be reduced some more." Growth in Europe, he added, "is dismal."

Washington is looking for faster growth overseas to give a lift to American exports, but Mr. Schlesinger made clear that Germany would not be rushed into cutting rates. German inflation is likely to top 4 percent this year, which is high by the country's stan-

dards, Mr. Schlesinger said. He said that hasty cuts in short-term interest rates might push down the value of the De sche mark in world currency markets and push up domestic bond yields.

Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany, who pointed out that his country and the rest of

Europe were likely to be in an economic downswing for longer than expected, said it was

important to improve G-7 cooperation. Thursday's meeting is expected to produce a statement showing how the seven nations will tackle slow growth.

Mr. Waigel warned against excessive pessi-mism, ooting that world trade was likely to expand by 5 percent this year. It was also positive that interest rates were falling in virtually all European nations.

"The Bundesbank has made an important

contribution," Mr. Waigel said. Japan, meanwhile, was likely to face pressure from its partners to quicken the pace of domestic growth and reduce its towering trade surplus.

The Europeans and the Americans clearly share the view that Japan could do more, with Mr. Bentsen on Wednesday describing Tokyo's latest economic stimulus package as helpful,

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France to Block Bananas

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission has authorized France to block banana imports from developing countries that it asserts are disrupting its market, a commission spokesman said on Thursday. Cheap bananas are being imported from the Caribbean and Latin America, causing French market prices to drop by between 35 percent and 40 percent. Many of these cheap imports are from the Dominican Republic and are shipped into France via Belgium and Italy, the spokesman said.

Under the so-called "safeguard" agreement approved Thursday, July, when a new EC banana import regime goes into effect. The quotas will freeze the level of imports to the average level for the corresponding month over the last three years, the spokesman said.

France wants to ensure that its overseas regions of Guadeloupe and Martinique and its traditional banana suppliers, including the Ivory Coast and Gabon, will oot have their production undercut by cheaper imports.

Clinton Rail Plan Asks \$1.3 Billion

By Martin Tolchin

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration's highspeed rail plan calls for a five-year, \$1.3 billion effort to create lederal-state partnerships to develop service in densely populated parts of the United States.

Transportation Secretary Fe-derico F. Peña, in announcing the plan Wednesday, said highspeed rail service would relieve highway and airport congescion, cut polintion and travel delays and "improve the quality of life."

The plan represents the first federal support for high-speed rail projects outside the Northeast Corridor, which links New York, Boston and Washington. Most of the money would be used to help npgrade existing tracks to handle passenger trains running at as much as 150 miles per hour (240 kilome-

ters per hour).

The plan would also provide money for technological development, including \$300 million for work on a prototype of a train that floats above its track and can achieve even higher

As a first step, the Transportation Department is to designate the routes that will be eligible for high-speed rail service and ask state and local officials to develop master plans. The federal government would pro-vide as much as 50 percent of

the money for each project.
Amtrak, the governmentsubsidized intercity passenger carrier, is currently the only op-erator of high-speed rail service in the United States. Its Metroliner trains reach speeds of 125 miles per hour between Washington and New York, and its X2000 train, still being tested. travels at 135 miles per hour.

The X2000 train is manufactured by ABB Asea Brown Bo-veri Ltd., the Swiss-Swedish engiocering group. Other companies seeking to become involved in high-speed rail or magnetic-levitation projects in the United States include many of Europe's railway companies, ltochu Corp. of Japan and sev-eral large American construc-

tion concerns and heavy-equip-

ment manufacturers

A Better 1st Quarter lost \$194 million on antomotive operations in the first quarter in con-trast to a loss of \$1.2 billion a year

DETROIT - General Motors Corp., citing cost-cutting and in-creased efficiency, said Thursday it earned \$513 million in the first three months of the year, becoming the second U.S. carmaker in as many days to outstrip analysts' predictions of first-quarter profit.

Analysts surveyed in advance of the report had estimated GM would earn about \$242 million in the quarter. Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday reported it earned \$572 million in the first quarter as record income in financial services paced the carmaker's best quarter in nearly three years.

GM's profit compared with a loss in the same quarter last year of \$21 billion, mostly due to adoption of new accounting standards for future retirees' health care. Excluding the accounting charge in last year's quarter, GM lost \$166.7 million. Worldwide revenue rose 8.4 per-cent to \$34.96 billion in the 1993

first quarter from \$32.26 billion a In North America, GM said it



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The Board of Directors of the Dragon Fund Management Company, acting for and on behalf of The Dragon Fund, has decided on the 31st March 1993 to distribute a dividend amounting to a TOTAL of USD 1,617,975. The ex-dividend date will be on the 17th May 1993, the payment date will be on the 24th May 1993.

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Late Buying Surge Sends Dow Higher

for only the second time in the past nine sessions on Thursday as declining interest rates and computerdriven buy orders triggered a late market rebound.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 11.62 to 3.425.12, as a

N.Y. Stocks

late rally fueled by Philip Morris Cos. and Caterpillar Inc. helped push the average almost 20 points higher in the final 30 minutes of

Standard & Poor's 500-Stock Index rose 0.87 to 438.89 and the Nasdaq Combined Composite In-dex chimbed 0.29 to 658.45.

Advancing common stocks led declining issues by about 8 to 7. Trading was moderate, with about 245 million shares changing hands on the NYSE.

The computers and Philip Morris picked this market up in the final minutes," said Edward Collins, head trader at Daiwa Securi-

Philip Morris gained 1% to 47% after the company said its Oscar Mayer Foods Corp. divisioo signed an agreement to distribute its products in Mexico. Caterpillar was up

Stocks were lower for most of the Department's report that the econ- Zacks Iovestment Research.

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks rose mual rate in the first quarter, the weakest showing since last spring. Economists anticipated a 2.2 per cent increase in the gross domestic

"A 1.8 percent growth rate is a pathetic excuse for a real recovery," said John Albertine, an independent economist in Washington.

Stocks showed surprising resiliency after the release of lower-than-expected quarterly results from such big companies as UAL Corp., said Richard Ciardullo, director of trading at Eagle Asset

There are pockets of earnings strength, but there are also disasters," Mr. Ciardullo said. "The disasters, like Kodak, are making fund managers queasy and keeping many of them out of the market."

UAL, the parent of United Airlines, said its loss from operations widened to \$138 million. or \$5.92 a share, from \$108 million, or \$4.52, a year earlier. The stock fell 4% to 140%, and 606,200 shares changed

GM declined 11/2 to 40%. The automaker posted first-quarter net income of 42 ceots a share, compared with a loss of 53 cents before accounting charges a year earlier. The results were well above the consensus of 19 cents a share session following the Commerce among analysts, according to

G-7 Assails Volatility As Yen Keeps Firming

NEW YORK - The dollar fell Thursday against the yen ahead of a ique from the finance ministers of the Group of Seven industrial nations on currency rates.

The Japanese currency continued its recent rise in trading that closed before the communique was issued,

Foreign Exchange

as the market bet the G-7 would not act to restrain the yen. The dollar fell to 111.10 yen at the close, from 112.12 yea on Thursday.

Traders had sold year in the course of the week on the opposite theory, that the G-7 would issue a statement aimed at slowing the yen's rise against the dollar. It is up 12 percent so far this year.

"People bought yen back today oo the bet that the G-7 wouldn't issue a strong statement," said Amy Smith, market strategist at IDEA, a financial consulting firm.

In the event, the communique said: "We agreed that exchange

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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has complained that the steep rise of the yen in recent weeks has burt its ecocomy. But the communique made no specific reference to the

"Even though the U.S. looks more conciliatory to the Japanese, it's unlikely that our policy has changed dramatically," said Lisa Finstrom, currency analyst at Shearson Lehman Brothers, U.S. officials are probably content to keep the dollar at current levels against the yen until they get coocessions on trade issues from the

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hurt by a report showing weak growth in U.S. gross domestic

The dollar slipped to 1.5785 cent return on the Standard & Deutsche marks from 1.5798 DM. Poor's 500 index of stocks. It fell to 5.3175 French francs from 5.3280 francs and to 1.4250 Swiss francs from 1.4278 francs.
The British pound slipped slightly to \$1.5735 from \$1.5740.

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REITs: A Yield-Driven Comeback

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cies on Thursday, the dollar was produced an average return of the is about to double its portfolio hurt by a report showing weak 19.11 percent in the first quarter, of office property to 8.5 million growth in U.S. gross domestic according to the National Associasquare feet (790,000 square meters) product in the first quarter of the tion of Real Estate Investment Trusts, compared with a 3.66 per-

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RJR Nabisco Swung to Profit in Period

NEW YORK (AP) — RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. said Thursday it
had earnings of \$163 million, or 12 cents a share, in the first quarter. reflecting improvement in its food and tobacco businesses.

RJR had a loss of \$15 million in the year-earlier quarter. Excluding

special charges in both periods, net meome rose 46 percent to \$210 million from \$144 million. Revenue rose about 3 percent to \$3.74 billion in the first quarter, ended March 31.

The Nabisco food division, which sells Oreos cookies. Ritz crackers and Planters nuts, saw sales rise 6 percent to \$1.63 billion. At the RJ. Reynolds Tobacco Co. operations, which include the Winston and Camelbrands, revenue was about flat at \$2.1 billion, but volume worldwide rose 11 percent as sales of tobacco products overseas advanced 3 percent.

UAL Posts Loss, Plans More Cuts

CHICAGO (AP) — The parent company of United Airlines reported a first-quarter loss of \$157 million Thursday, and Stephen Wolf, chairman of UAL Corp., promised further structural changes at the carrier.

United's current \$400 million cost-reduction program, Mr. Wolf said, is not enough to restore it to "sustained profitability." Excluding special charges to cover debt that was paid off early, UAL Corp. had a quarterly loss of \$138 million. Its year-earlier operating loss was \$108 million. Revenue rose to \$3.33 billion in the latest quarter from \$2.97 billion.

"We continue to move forward with plans to reduce further our costs."

"We continue to move forward with plans to reduce further our cost by making structural changes to the company," Mr. Wolf said. United which has laid off 2,800 workers and cut spending on new jets under the existing plan, also will slow delivery of 14 A-320 jets scheduled for 1995 and 1996 from Airbus Industrie, he said.

2 More Officials Quit CS First Boston

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — CS First Boston Group continued to lose executives, as Merrill Lynch & Co. announced Thursday that Michael Koeneke, a managing director and head of mergers and acquisitions at the Swiss-controlled investment bank, had become the co-head of merg-

ers at Merrill Lynch.

In addition, Mary Louise Leaf, who as a managing director had dealt with corporations that frequently issue bonkis, has joined Lehman Brothers, traders and investment bankers said. Mr. Koeneke and Ms. Leaf weren't available for comment. A spokesman for First Boston, the New York subsidiary of CS First Boston, confirmed the departures. At least 22 traders and investment bankers, including eight managing directors, have left CS First Boston this year for higher pay.

Mesa and Noteholders Reach Accord

DALLAS (AP) — A preliminary agreement has been reached between Mesa Inc. and noteholders that would allow the company to defer about \$150 million in interest payments over the next two years, Mesa said.

The agreement to restructure \$600 million in debt follows months of negotiations. It calls for Mesa to issue \$615.75 million in new notes and pay bondholders \$13.5 million in cash, probably sometime this summer. Some of the notes will be convertible into common stock equal to about a

Nutri-System Eliminates 1,800 Jobs

16 percent stake in the natural-gas company.

BLUE BELL, Pennsylvania (Bloomberg) - Natri-System said Thursday that it had closed 283 company-owned diet centers and laid off about 1,800 employees after a bank confiscated its cash during negotiations Its 857 franchised centers in the United States and its 175 Canadian

units will remain open, the company said.

The operator of weight-management cer agement centers said Wednesday that Fidelity hancorp., the agent for a seven-member consortium of banks, had seized the company's cash and taken control of its bank accounts during restructuring talks. Nutri-System said it was appalled by the bank's action and said it had negotiated with several investors to restructure the company. Paul Levine, a spokesman for First Fidelity, said the bank declined to comment as a matter of policy.

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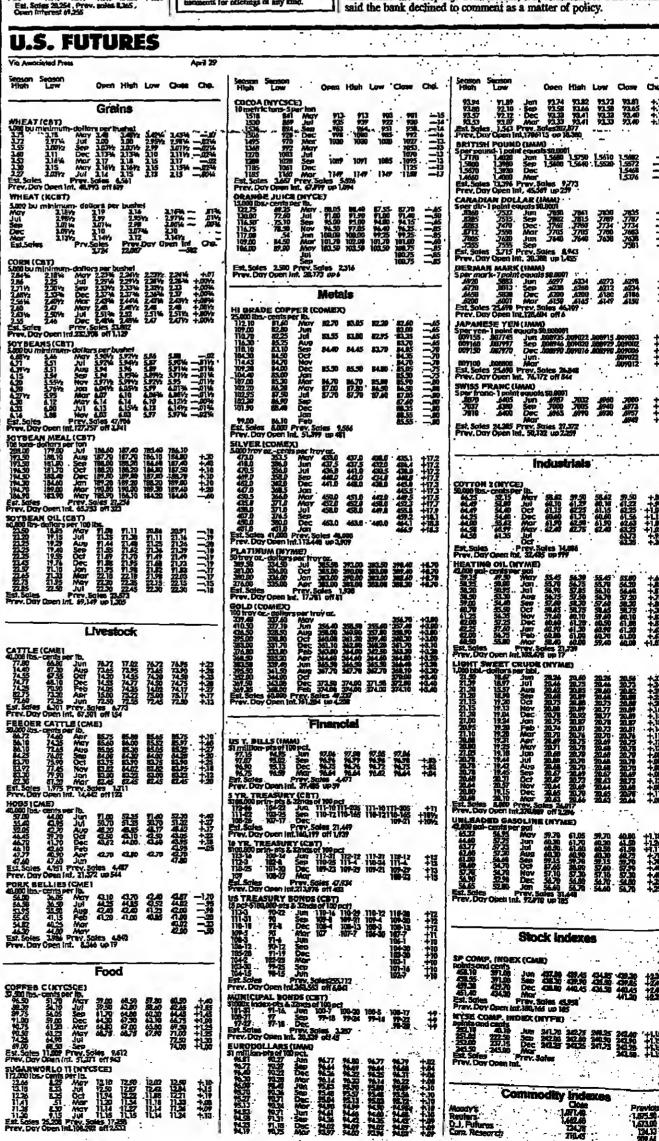
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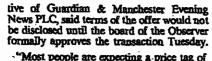
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The British conglomerate Londo PLC, which hought the Observer in 1981, said Thursday that it had received an "acceptable" offer from the Guardian, a London-"Most people are expecting a price tag of about £20 million (\$31.5 million) for the Observer, but what we don't know is whether it will be a cash sale or if Lonrho will be able to take a stake in the Guardian," said Alastair

Journalists said they were "tremendously relieved" that the 202-year-old newspaper was being kept alive. One source at the Observer said the Guardian had hinted that only

10 to 15 of the newspaper's staff of about 80 would lose their jobs.

The sale also would be "positive for Lonrho," said Alan Richards, analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, by ridding the company

of an unprofitable operation. The Guardian, the flagship publication of Guardian & Manchester Evening News, which is a charitable trust company, has long been attracted to the Observer, as both have a

tradition of liberal political sympathies.

The Observer's circulation, at just over 500,000 in March, was less than half that of Britain's largest-selling quality Sunday paper, the Sunday Times. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

Currencies Drive Profits: ICI Up, BASF Down

(Continued from page 1)

capital for centuries were unlikely

to be willing or able to do so now. He said that Lloyd's will throw

open its doors to corporations to join the ranks of members for the

first time ever, as soon as late this

In another attempt to broaden

its attraction, Lloyd's will break

with tradition by allowing mem-bers to join with limited liabilty.

Traditionally, Lloyd's members put their entire fortunes on the line

in return for fatter profits. Since all

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One crucial obstacle to bringing

LONDON — The owner of the Observer, the world's oldest Sunday newspaper, has agreed to sell it to the publishers of the

corporations, adding that maintaining the envi-ronment was also a social responsibility. In London, ICI said its first-quarter pretax

profit rose to £233 million (\$366.3 million) from £212 million a year earlier. It attributed much of the improvement to favorable currency translations, as its earnings abroad bought more pounds because of the British currency's decline in value.

The Bank of France lowered its intervention rate, which sets a theo-

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

months of 1993, making the second quarterly decline in a row.

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France Cuts Rates As Jobless Increase

to 8.25 percent from 8.50, and cut its to 8.25 percent from 6.30, and can its emergency five-10-10 day lending rate, the notional ceiling to 9.25 percent from 9.50. The big commercial banks followed by cutting their PARIS - France cut interest rates on Thursday for the fourth time in just over two weeks, hoping to breathe new life into an economy that is plagned by record unemploy-ment and is sinking into recession. The news of the quarter-point rebase leading rate to industry by a quarter point to 9.25 percent. It was the fourth cut since Prime duction in the Bank of France's Minister Edouard Balladur's con-

servative government took power at the end of March. Labor Ministry announced that unemployment had risen again in March, to 10.7 percent of the work force from 10.6 percent in February. "The cuts have oot weakened the franc. So there's no reason for the Bank of France oot to go on eas-The ministry said seasonally ading," said an economist at Salomon justed unemployment rose 7 per-cent in March from a year earlier. Brothers, Jean-François Mercier. Market confidence in the new

taking the numbers of those out of government, and a gradual lowering work to a record 3,066,400. of German interest rates opened the Underlining the gloom, an economist at the National Statistics Inway to Thursday's rate cuts. The easing of monetary policy in stitute, INSEE, said national in-France has done little so far to re-

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· British Gas PLC's chairman. Robert Evans, said he would not seek reappointment when his term of office expires at the end of June 1994. • Mercedes-Benz AG will begin making trucks in the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, and intends to produce up to 100 trucks with Uzbekistan's main heavy vehicle company by the end of this year.

 Lego A/S, the Danish family-owned toymaker, reported that pretax profit rose by over 20 percent to 635 million kroner (\$103.9 million) last year; it cited reduced raw material prices due to currency factors.

 Benetton Group SpA said its consolidated net profit rose 12.1 percent in 1992 to 184.7 billion lire (\$124 million). · Krupp Stabl AG approved plans to shut a steel plant in Rheinhausen,

Germany, that will cost 2,200 jobs at the site. Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP

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One of the most profound changes planned by Lloyd's top agement, which only took office late last year, is to hugely expand their own power. Beginning on Tuesday, when the business plan will take effect, management intends to exert its prerogatives in everything from improving the pro-

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The German chemical company BASF AC said Thursday its profit fell nearly 50 percent in the first quarter, partly because of the strong Deutsche mark, while Britain's Imperial Chemical Values and Stoff Chemical Val ical Industries PLC posted a 10 percent profit

DM a year earlier. Group sales were down 7.2 percent, to 11.04 billion DM. The company said its level of orders in hand was "unsatisfactory" and was not expected to improve this year.

Its chief executive, Jürgen Strube, added at the group's annual meeting in Ludwigshafen that the company was spending too much on environmental protection measures. He said rise, largely because of the weaker pound.

BASF said group pretax profit fell to 239
million DM (\$150.1 million) from 473 million
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LLOYD'S: London Insurer Offers Most Radical Overhaul in 3 Centuries EUROPE: Nod to the Easterners represents a broad spectrum of Lloyd's members. "People will no longer be able to go on their own knowledged that recession in West-unchecked," he said, referring to a ern Europe made it difficult to ac-

> Costs, too, will no longer go un-checked. Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said he envisioned lopping £200 million from the market's expenses annually. He insisted this would not be terribly diffi-

previous lack of oversight within

In one of many criticisms of the way Lloyd's has run its business in the past, Mr. Middleton explained: "We are just bringing in simple procedures of good management that have been absent from Lloyd's for too long."

Mr. Rowland was scathing when he discussed the bad old days at Lloyd's from which he now wants to make a clean break.

"The customary reaction here when there is a problem is to set up a committee and wait 12 months for its report," he said. "We just don't have the time."

What Lloyd's has, by Mr. Rowland's own projections, is at least two more 10-figure losses to abwill make a profit only if their clients do.

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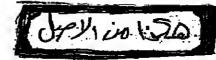
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Asian Insurers Face Higher Costs to Lay Off Risk

tional Herald Tribune HONG KONG — Turmoil in the international reinsurance market, where insurance companies themselves buy protection against future payouts, promises to bring big change to the Asian property and casualty

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Higher premiums, a shakeout among smaller local insurers and lower profits all around are the likely coasequences of an unparalleled global damage bill for 1992's natural catastrophes and a related capital

retreat from the reinsurance market worldwide. commissions — as long a the biggest changes in premiums are expected to hit dered much of the risk. individuals seeking protection from wind, flood, fire and general industrial accidents. Christian Mounis, to spread their risks as some of the world's largest managing director of SCOR Re Asia in Hong Kong, predicts a major reassessment" in these areas, particularly in catastrophe-prone countries such as the Philippines, Taiwan and Indonesia. Precise increases have yet to be determined.

"Insurance companies in Asia are not so much risktakers as risk-passers," said Jeffrey McNally of Allied Asia Consultants, an insurance specialist in Singa-pore, "But a big change is coming. The reinsurers still operating here are becoming choosier; insurers will be forced to hold greater risk or pay more for someone

"That in turn will mean many local insurers won't den's Skandia Group and several smaller players in be able to write as many new policies," Mr. McNally added. "Merging with someone else will be the only way for many to survive."

Asian insurers took full advantage of the overcapacity that reigned in the world's reinsurance market until the cycle began to turn over the last 18 months.

An increasing demand for insurance against catastrophe and industrial mishaps in Asia that accompanied the region's stumning economic growth gave local underwriters ample opportunity to collect healthy commissions - as long as international capital shoul-

reinsurers have been chased out of the business. This is the result of several bad years in a row — capped by 1992's long list of disasters estimated to have caused a total of \$25 billion in insured losses - and uncertainty about global weather patterns.

The international market was shaken when the reinstrance unit of Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV, NRG, one of the industry's top 15 reinstrers, withdrew in March from a property and casualty market that took in \$80 billion in premiums in 1990. NRG joined Royal Insurance Holdings PLC, Swe-

deciding to quit a business that, according to market leader Munich Re, faced a cumulative bill for 1982-92 that was 12 times as big as the analysis and the second market leader Munich Re, faced a cumulative bill for 1982-92 information, we'd be dropped. Not the second market leader Munich Re, faced a cumulative bill for 1982-92 information, we'd be dropped. that was 12 times as big as the one for 1960-1970, after adjusting for inflation.

In March, Prudential Insurance Co. in the United States put its reinsurance unit, the country's fifth largest, on the market. Many who remain in business bave pulled out of Asia, and those who remain have far less appetite for marginal Asian business.

As for Asia's own reinsurers, they have traditionally shied away from higher risk business and are unlikely to expand quickly, as long as investment elsewhere in the region provides a better return.

"A few years ago the reinsurance business was market-share driven. Now it's exposure-driven," said Mr. Mounis of SCOR Re Asia. "That is why we may not take up the market share left behind by others."

Reinsurers take on the risks of direct insurers through two methods: by signing a treaty, often with other reinsurers, to take on a share of the direct insurer's portfolio; or by directly underwriting the excess risks incurred by a direct insurer that are not covered in other treaties. The latter is used essentially to cover major risks in industry and public works.

and they keep calling back."

In Europe and the United States, premium increases and higher deductibility provisos have filtered into the market: safer exposure levels are now returning in the aftermath of distortions prompted by overcapacity.

"It is coming in Asia," said Mr. Mounis. "We are at the stage here where the ball has not yet been passed to the insured. Pricing must be reconsidered, and there must be a larger share of the risks with the insured

However, the Asian insurance market apart from Japan is not heavily capitalized. Greater in-house provisioning against risks will restrict local companies ability to write new policies, and reinsurers' new selectivity will eventually drive premium levels up.

"We're getting hit on every side, but we can't fault the reinsurers; they've had a few bad years," said David Rajpal, general manager of general insurance with National Mutual Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong.

"It's probably good in the long run," he said. "It will

put some sanity in the market, but it will force a consolidation.



China Seeks to Cool Booming Growth

BELIING - China has started taking steps to cool the economic fever gripping the country, with Berjing trying to wrestle back control of booming markets and leaders saying that overall investment must alow.

In a series of announcements this week, Beijing has ordered a clampdown on unapproved foreign exchange trading, a halt to speculative currency futures trading and a reregistration of futures brokerage houses.

On Thursday, a Reijing-controlled Hong Kong newspaper quoted a central government leader as telling enterprises to throttle back on myestment schemes, saying China's growth in 1992 had been too rapid to sustain.

"We are not clamping down, but people must feel that there is a clampdown," Wen Wei Po quoted the unidentified leader as saying, "This is because growth of investment last year was

The Hong Kong newspaper, which Beijing sometimes uses to float new policies before they

are officially announced in China, said the 13 percent growth this year despite the govern-leader supported limits on new investment and ment's official forecast of 8 percent.

on construction of infrastructure. "We have never before had such a fast growth of investment and basic infrastructure

construction," the official was quoted as saying. "The macro-control environment has been comparatively loose," the official said. "The use of new investment has been comparatively large. This has been of great use in establishing

"But this year, this unlity will be diminished. Everyone knows infrastructure construction

must have set investment, there is always an overall limit. Equilibrium must be maintained."

The official's comments follow a month of alarming statistics on China's economic growth, which some overseas analysts say is perilously close to jumping the tracks.

China's economy in the past has been marked

by hair-raising lunches from boom to bust. Gross domestic product grew by 12.8 percent in 1992, and Chinese economists now predict

GDP growth raced along at 14.1 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of this year.

Official figures released this month show fixed-asset investment by state-owned companies surged 71 percent from the year-earlier period. Investment by China's localities grew 80.9 percent, outpacing central investment by

37.6 percentage points. The swing into economic overdrive has already pushed inflation to its highest level since 1988, with the national year-on-year rate at 8.6 percent in the first quarter and the urban rate at 15.7 percent.

Chinese officials, scampering to satisfy Deng Xiaoping's order for faster economic development, are still waving away the threat of economic overheating.

But the Wen Wei Po article, along with the

recent orders for greater control over foreign exchange and futures markets, may indicate worries are spreading among the leadership.

A Hong Kong Foothold For Beijing Rocket Maker

HONG KONG - China's rocket and satellite company said Thursday it had purchased 51 percent of a local electronics company, making it the latest enterprise controlled by Beijing to gain a back-door listing on

the Hong Kong stock market through a subsidiary. China Aerospace Industrial Corp. said it had bought control Conic Investment Co. for 233.1 million Hong Kong dol-

lars (\$30.2 million). CAIC, which is controlled by China's State Council, has launched 36 satellites, including

five for overseas clients.

Conic has been controlled by two mainland companies, Bank of China Group and China Resources Group, since 1984, and these enterprises were the selfers of the 51 percent stake.

Analysis say CAIC was likely to follow the example set by other Chinese corporations. which have bought companies listed in Hong Kong and used them for investing in a wide range of local and mainland

Chinese business ventures. The best-known example is China International Trust & Investment Corp., or CITIC, which set up a company in Hong Kong in 1985

Very briefly:

Exxon Chemical Co., Amoco Chemical Co. and China American Petro chemical Co. of Taiwan, have formed a joint-venture company to build and operate a \$600 million petrochemical plant in Singapore; the plant will make 350,000 tons per year of paraxylene and 90 tons per year of benzene, and will start production in 1996.

 China Petroleum Corp. will build a \$2 billion oil refinery in Indonesia m partnership with three local companies, according to an official of Barito Pacific, one of the Indonesian partners.

Newmont Mining Corp. of the United States sold its 14 percent stake in the Australian gold miner Newcrest Mining Ltd. for \$68 million; Newcrest also announced that not profit in the first quarter of this year fell 12.7 percent to 8.9 million Australian dollars (\$6.4 million).

 Hong Kong had a trade deficit of 6.04 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$775 million) in March, wider than the year-earlier 5.59 billion dollars.

· Barclays Bank has become the first of Britain's big banks licensed to open an office in Vietnam, trade ministry officials said.

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SPORTS 3

Beating Padres, Phillies Stretch Lead in the East

Although they're not quite running away with the National League East, the Philadelphia Phillies are putting a good measure of distance between themselves and the rest of the pack.

Curt Schilling pitched seven innings of shutout ball and Ricky Jordan continued his hot streak

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since replacing the injured John Kruk as Philadelphia beat San Die-go, 5-3, Wednesday night, increasing its division lead in 3½ games.

At a major-league best 15-5 with two games left in April, the Phillies surpassed their previous highest victory total for April — 14 in 1979.

It remains to be seen how long the Phillies can keep it up. The victory over the Padres kicked off a seven-game West Coast trip that several players see as an important indicator of the team's future.

"It's a big trip for us," said second baseman Mickey Morandini. "Last year we went out there and pretty much buried ourselves. We have to win a series or two."

Dave Hollins used the same words: "We've been buried out there a few times. The fast start has happened

without much of a contribution from ace starter Terry Mulholland, tagged with three of the five losses, or from leadoff hitter Len Dykstra batting just 203. Also, outfielder Milt Thompson is struggling at .185. Shortstops Juan Bell (.189) and Kim Batiste (.188) aren't per-

forming.
Schilling was five outs away from his second straight shutout before the Padres scored two runs in the eighth. Mitch Williams worked the bottom of the ninth for his eighth save despite allowing a run after loading the bases with

Jordan went 3-for-4 with one RBI and two runs scored for the second straight night in place of Kruk, sidelined since Monday with

a hamstring injury.
Astros 6, Cubs 1: In a game played in just two hours in Houston, Greg Swindell won his fourth straight start, giving up seven hits in eight innings.

The Astros scored four runs in the second off Chicago starter Jose Guzman and made it 6-0 in the Giants 4, Mets 3: In San Francisco, Matt Williams hit an RBf single with two outs in the bottom of the

second straight inning against New San Francisco trailed 2-0 entering the eighth, but rallied for three runs. Howard Johnson tied the game in the top of the ninth with a sacrifice fly before Williams drove

home Mike Benjamin with the game-winning run. Jeff Innis was charged with the loss and Rod Beck got the victory. Dodgers 6, Expos 1: Eric Karros and Eric Davis hit solo home runs and Brett Butler scored twice on Montreal mistakes as Los Angeles

game home stand. Pedro Astacio allowed six hits in six-plus innings and got relief help from Pedro Martinez.

Marlins 3, Braves I: In Atlanta. Benim Santiago's infield single in the ninth inning drove in the goahead run, and Orestes Destrade followed with a sacrifice fly off former Cy Young Award winner Steve Bedrosian as Florida won its

second straight The Braves fell to 11-12, their first time under .500 since June. Cardinals 7, Rockies 6: In Den-

ver, Rod Brewer singled bome the winning run with two ours in the ninth after two Colorado fielders allowed a pop fly to drop between Rockies closer Darren Holmes

walked the bases loaded with one out before Luis Alicea's soft popup fell between sboristop Vinny Castilla and left fielder Jerald Clark, allowing the tying run to score. Rob Murphy, the fourth Cardinals pitcher, got the victory.

Reds 4, Pirates 2: Cincinnati

turned five double plays behind Tim Pugh and rode Joe Oliver's three-run homer to victory over vis-

An Olympic Bid Is Alive and Well in Manchester

MANCHESTER—How can a place like this win the right to stage the Olympic Games? There might never be a positive answer, but Manchester, known for dreary weather and depressed industry, is researching the question intensely at a cost of £5.5 million.

Manchester is competing against five cities to host the 2000 Summer Olympics. The favorites are Sydney and Beijing,

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followed by Manchester, Istanbul, Berlin and Brasilia. Recently, two voters from the International Olympic Committee were invited here for a long weekend to hear Manchester's pitch. Considering protocol, a cynic won-

Does each IOC voter take his bribe in cash, or is it deposited in his Swiss bank account? Is a handshake agreement considered valid? In what cases is blackmail deemed necessary? When do the naked women come out and dance on the tables?

The meeting began on a Thursday morning. Either all the dancers had slept in, or they were never invited. Coffee was poured in their absence. After a short presentation by the director Manchester 2000, Robert Scott, the room went dark for the showing of a videotape. Here we went. What was this going to be? Bared to us all were Prime Minister John Major's teeth. They are perfect teeth, absolutely,

and he is less sexy than many nuns.

But he is credible — regarding the Olympics, at least - and so, as lunchtime

around a large square table, the city's dozen representatives avoided no IOC question, and their answers revealed a elief that they should bost the Olympics. That self-confidence was the most significant revelation, since nobody outside of power seems to think Manchester has a

If the public suspects that votes are secured deceitfully under the table - and no doubt some are — it's because the lobbying is so ridiculously muddled. On Sept. 23 in Monte Carlo, the IOC's 91 voting members will cast their ballots, disqualifying the last-place city after each round until only two remain. I'm predicting now, perhaps naively, that it will come down to Sydney and Manchester.

Beijing is touted as Sydney's main competition, and many think the IOC voters in their self-possessed grandeur can't resist unveiling China at the dawn of the century. If this is true, then this is crazy. For the next seven years they would be pinning their Olympic ideal to the whims of a powerful and unfathomable government. Will the commercial able government. Will the commercial sponsors appreciate the association?

Everyone understands that the Chinese have suddenly released survivors of the bloody crackdown on the democracy movement to appease the new U.S. ad-ministration and the IOC. No one can predict what course the Chinese would take with the validation as Olympic host in their pocket.

Recalling the praise adorned by the press on "the new China" before the public massacre of its brightest minds in

approached, was Manchester. Gathered 1989, it is all too soon to take them at face value again. Perhaps this is giving the IOC members too much credit — the public considers them a pampered, pompous lot — but a reasonable guess is that IOC voters were petrified when the Chinese referred to them as "gods." Never mind bribery; are they comfortable being deified? After all, they have to live with the Chinese for the next seven years.

> Manchester's Olympic stadium and supporting complex would be built on polluted, derelict land.

much as Britain is having to deal with Beijing over Hong Kong today.

Don't forget, the IOC snuhbed a 100th
anniversary Games in Athens. If they
want truly to influence the world beyond sports, the voters should ask China politely to bid again for the 2004 Games. In another four years, one hopes, there would be no doubt of Beijing as a won-

desful Olympic host. From the grandeur of Beijing, then, to the homeliness of Manchester - it tests the imagination. When the IOC is taken to the Manchester site where an Olympic stadium and supporting complex would be built, they see polluted derelict land, a

"The great problem is when you try to show people detelliction as opportunity," Scott says. "All they see is dereliction."

Scott, a theater manager in Manches-ter, was listening to Prime Minister Mar-garet Thatcher on the radio in 1985 as she promoted London as Britain's Olympic hope. He was so incensed by her slight of Manchester that he created a committee to win the Games for his northern city. He failed in his first attempt, earning just five votes in the competition for the 1996 Games won by Atlanta.

"I knew we were not going to win the last time." Scott says. "The first thing is to not deceive yourself. There is a tendency for bid cities to think they're going to win because they believe at face value what's told them. I have no illusion that the quickest way to get rid of someone canvassing you is to tell them you're going to vote for them. This is a world in which you can deceive yourself very, very easily, and most people do."

HAVING SAID that, he believes he has supporters, because no compet-I has supporters, occause no competitor has been courting the fQC longer. His bid, underwritten by the British government, is solid. The Olympic village would be built along a canal, in warehouses converted into elegant brick housing, giving every athlete a private bedroom. Athletes could walk to 14 of the 25 perses. Seven other versues would be venues. Seven other venues would be within a 20-minute drive of the Village. But Australia's bid is just as sound,

and sumny Sydney is a glamourous con-trast to gray and rundown Manchester. But Scott declares that Manchester's mer climate is perfect, averaging less

than 2 centimeters (.7 inches) of rainfall in July and August -lower than the rate in Atlanta, Montreal or Paris, He touts Fneland's enduring relationship with the ringiant's enduring remainishing with the IOC, it being the only nation to have won medals at every Olympics, winter and summer. He tells a story of the Olympics rejuvenating Manchester for the coming century, just as his city led the West into the industrial age a century ago.

Will anyone buy into this? The majority of fOC voters will have visited most of the cities. Scott hopes they will be influenced by more than contemporary appearances. He believes the IOC feels comfortable dealing with his staff, a key factor in the seven years to come, when most of the IOC members will find it more convenient to travel to England than to Australia. He points out that 15 of the 22 Summer Olympics have been held in Europe, this trend returning the Games to Europe every other time.

Perhaps it is all hogwash. Or perhaps as a voter, if you like Scott, and you listen to him long enough, your perceptions change. On Sept. 23, then, here are the choices: Brasilia, which is totally unpre-pared; Istanbul, which at this stage would also be overwhelmed; Berlin, whose bid has practically been disquali-fied by scandal, domestic opposition and violence against foreigners, and Beijing. Sydney should be a sunny, efficient and gorgeous bost. And yet, if the Australian presentation stumbles this sum-mer, if doubt is revealed, and, I know it

sounds impossible Perhaps the world should pack um-brellas, just in case.

9th-Inning Home Run Sours Abbott's Return to Anaheim as a Yankee



Kansas City's Greg Gagne beat the tag attempt by Pat Borders, the Blue Jays' catcher, to score from third base. The Roy

It was just like old times for Jim Abbott: He was pitching in Anaheim Stadium with few runs to work with. After Mark Langston pitched

seven no-hit innings against the Yankees on Wednesday, New York came back to tie the score in the ninth on Danny Tartabull's tworun double. But Abbott, pitching in Anaheim for the first time since his December trade, gave up a leadoff homer to Tim Salmon in the bottom of the inning, giving California

a 3-2 victory. "It was a tough game to lose," Abbott said. "It was a lot of fun to come back here and to pitch against Mark, but it was bitter-sweet. Mark pitched great, kept us off-balance. When he's at the top of his game, he's tough for anybody to

beat. Maybe on a different night."
Langston (3-0) priched a threehitter and strock out 13 for his third complete game this season. Randy Velarde got New York's first hit when he led off the eight with a sharp single up the middle. "I felt bad for Jim, but I'll take

it," Langston said. Abbott (1-4) pitched a five-hitter for his second complete game this year. He struck out three and walked one.

"I feel for him having to take a loss like that," Salmon said, "But be's on the other side now, so I'm happy for Mark."

California got two runs in the fourth. Rene Gonzales blooped an RBI single just over first baseman Don Mattingly's head and beyond the fingertips of diving second four-run third, and Baltimore Scott Brow lost in his major baseman Mike Gallego. Salmon snapped a 4-4 tie with four unleague debut, allowing four runs scored, and Tartabull's bouncing earned runs in the sixth off Scott and five hits in six innings.

throw from right to second — too late to get Gonzales — glanced off shortstop Spike Owen's glove and into shallow center. J.T. Snow scored from third on Tartabull's

Red Sox 3, Athletics 1: Frank Viola (4-1) gave up three hits, struck out four and walked four in

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7% innings. Jeff Russell pitched 1% perfect innings for his fourth save, sending Oakland to its minth loss in

Mo Vaughn homered as the visiting Red Sox stopped a six-game losing streak. Bob Welch (2-2) made his first start since April 17 and gave up three runs and 10 hits Mariners 4, Indians 0: Ken Grif-

fey Jr. had three hits, including his seventh home run of the season. and drove in three runs as Seattle completed a three-game sweep of the visiting Indians.

Erik Hanson (3-0) allowed four hits, struck out seven and walked two. Jeff Nelson, Russ Swan and Norm Charlton finished, with Charlton striking out Carlos Martinez for his third save, Jeff Mintis (1allowed four runs and five hits in five innings.

Orioles 8, Twins 4: Cal Ripken hit a three-run homer as Baltimore extended visiting Minnesota's losing streak to six, its longest since a seven-game slide in April 1990.

Erickson (0-3). Baltimore had lost three straight and six of seven. Arthur Rhodes (I-1), who came in with a 13.97 earned run average.

allowed four runs and seven hits in 6% innings. Pedro Munoz homered twice for the Twins. White Sox 11, Brewers 2: Frank

Thomas continued his hot hitting with a two-run homer, and Kirk McCaskill (2-3) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings against Milwankee in Chicago. Cal Eldred (3-2) was tagged for six runs and nine hits in just four

mnings. The Milwankee manager, Phil Garner, was ejected in the ninth by the home plate umpire, John Shulock, for arguing a called third strike on Alex Diaz.

Bangers 6, Tigers 5: Julio Franco doubled home the winning run in the 11th as Texas rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the eighth to beat visiting

Rafael Palmeiro led off the 11th (0-1). Franco took two strikes attempting to bunt, then delivered his game-winning hit.

Tom Henke (1-0) got his first victory for Texas. He pitched three innings for the first time since Sept.

Royals 5, Blue Jays 3: Mark Gardner (2-1) pitched six-hit ball for seven innings as visiting Kansas City stopped Toronto's four-game ing streak. Gardner allowed all three runs, struck out six and walked two before Jeff Montgom-Ripken's homer highlighted a cry got six outs for his sixth save.

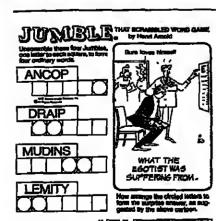
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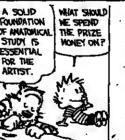


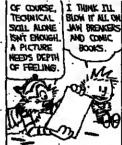




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LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — There is a borne galloping around the track at Churchill Downs these mornings without a saddle. He is El Bakan, "the Big Shot" from Panama. His owner Or many to day to a state of the Olina and the Collaboration for the Collaboration and t says he'll be wearing a saddle in the 119th Kentucky Derby on Saturday, but "this is the way they train them in South America."

There is another horse here, named Rocks mundo, who ran the fastest mile and an eighth of the year for 3-year-olds when he won the Arkansas Derby in 1:48. People think his name Arkansas I So were the oous II is amusing. So were the oous III is amusing.

Churchill Downs in a barn far from the 18 or so other Derby horses. He is so sensitive to crowd noise that he sweats profusely in the paddock. So, he will face his public and his rivals on Saturday with a protective piece of equipment: earmufs. That's right, a hood with earmuffs to keep out the crowd noise.

All this is not to suggest that these are 19 oddballs getting primed for the Kentucky Derby. But this is 20 years after Secretariat reigned over the Derby with majesty, and one year after Arazi commanded an international following with trafe. Now, the combined of this production. with style. Now, the symbols of this year's wide open, go-for-it Derby are a 108-1 long shot and a horse who trains without a saddle. "Everybody," said D. Wayne Lukas, pin-pointing the mood, "thinks he can step up and

hit a home run in this Derby." In the draw on Thursday, Prairie Rayou, the Blue Grass winner, drew the No. 5 post poston

and was made the early 5-2 favorite.

The second favorite in the field was Santa sure bet to be crowned the favorite for the Anita Derby winner Personal Hope, at 7-2. He will break from the No. 7 post position. Storm Tower, winner of the Wood Memorial was the third savorite at 9-2 but will break from the No. 1 post position.

The unusual tone is probably fed by the fact that only two of the starters, Prairie Bayou and olds. The five top finishers in the Breeder's Cup

win the Derby.

The jinx has already struck this year's 3-year-

Two decades after Secretariat, the symbols of this Derby are a 108-1 shot and a horse who wears earmuffs.

stakes race this year. Diazo has never won one. El Bakan, who won seven straight starts in Panama, ran second in the Lexington Stakes in his only appearance in the United States. the earmulfs did.

The tone is heightened by the absence of the leading 2-year-olds of last season. If you win the Breeder's Cup Juvenile in the fall, you are a year's bunch, it is the losing streak suffered by

years ago. oo juvenile champion has good on 10

oownfact, River Special, Living Vicariously and Mountain Cat. For a variety of medical and artistic reasons, none of them even got to Churchill Downs this spring. But the horse with

If there is another streak working against this

Derby favorites. Since Spectacular Bid won in 1979, no favorite has won the Derby.

Tom Bohannan, who trains Prairie Bayou, for John Ed Anthony's Loblolly Stable, considered the weight of recent history and said. It just might be an iodication of just how tough this race is to wio."

On Thursday, Bohannan entered only Prairie Bayou in the draw, after fretting over whether to also enter Marked Tree and go with a twohorse team.

While most of the Derby horses were exercisiog lightly after their final hard workouts, Storm Tower ran a fast half-mile in 48 seconds flat in his last serious work before the race. He galloped out another furlong and was clocked in 1:0235. His trainer, Ben Perkins Jr., reported that the coll, the winner of the Wood Memorial. just galloped through the lane, pricking his

Perkins also said he wasn't troubled by the

possibility that Storm Tower might duel Personal Hope for the early lead. "I'd like to be two or three lengths in front all the way around," he said. "Our horse is just as fast as his. If he breaks sharp and nice, we might go for it."

The field, in position order, with jockeys and odds: Storm Tower, Rick Wilson, 9-2: Kissin Rris, Jose Santos, 30-1; Truth of It All, Jorge Velasquez, 8-1; Union City, Patrick Valen-zuela, 8-1; Prairie Bayou, Mike Smith, 5-2; Sea Hero, Jerry Bailey, 30-1; Personal Hope, Gary Stevens, 7-2; Rockamundo, Calvin Borel, 20-1; Silver of Silver, Jacinto Vasquez, 8-1; Bull Inthe Heather, Wigaberto Ramos, 10-1; Tossofthe-eoin, Laffit Pincay Jr., 8-1; Mi Cielo, Aaron Gryder, 8-1; Wild Gale, Shane Sellers, 8-1; Ragtime Rebel. Ronnie Lester, 8-1; Dixieland Heat, Randy Romero, 15-1; Wallenda, Pat Day, 15-1; Corby, Chris McCarron, 12-1; Diazo. Kent Desormeaux, 12-1, and El Bakan,

In Battle of Quebec, Canadiens Oust Nordiques

The Associated Press It took uptil the Battle of Ouebec

was over for the cliches to end and for the Montreal Canadiens to ad-After losing the first two games of the his two games of the his against the Quebec the Canadiens won playoff series against the Quebec dale, New York, the Islanders lost Nordiques, the Canadiens won their only star, but gained the right four consecutive games, ending with Wednesday's 6-2 victory in

> "After those first two games, it seemed everyone outside of this

> > STANLEY CUP

dressing room thought we were out of it, maybe even in a sweep," Kirk Muller said: "In the end, I guess it was pride that turned it around for was us

Especially with the French guys," he said. There was no way we wanted to lose, not only because it was the first round, but because of the rivalry with Quebec. Some times pride can push you to the

French 2F The Canadiens found an unlikely hero in Paul DiPietro, a seldomused second-year center who scored three goals and added an assist while replacing the injured Stephan Lebean. and I have Muller and Gilbert Dionne also

scored for Montreal, which has three days off before the division final against the Buffalo Sabres, which begins Sunday at the Forum. Goaltending proved the biggest difference. Patrick Roy, a Quebec

City native, played his best hockey of the season in the Montreal net. while Ron Hectall's play in the Nordiques net dropped sharply in the last two games after four bul-

not much better tonight," said Hextall, who was replaced by Stephane Fiset after allowing Montre-net," Hunter said. "I didn't know al's fourth goal at 17:08 of the sec- he scored. I was just finishing my and period.

Hextall went back in at 9:43 of the third period, allowed DiPietro's third goal on a breakaway at 11:23 and immediately was replaced again by Fiset, who allowed only

the final goal to Dionne. Islanders 5, Capitals 3: In Uniontheir only star, but gained the right to face the star-studded Pittsburgh Penguins in the next round.

In the process of winning the first-round Patrick Division semifioal against Washington on Wednesday, New York lost the services of Pierre Turgeon.

"We'll have a very difficult road ahead," said General Manager Don Maloney. Referring to Tur-geon, he added: "He has been our key guy. The focus of our team is on him; we're building around him, and it's a devastating blow." Turgeon was blasted into the

boards from behind by Washington's Dale Hunter several strides after scoring his fourth goal of the playoffs for a 5-1 Islanders lead. It was enough to assure the vic-tory and send the Islanders into the

division finals against the defend-ing Stanley Cup champion Pen-guins, starting Sunday. Turgeon was helped off the ice by teammates. Later it was discovered that the center, who led the Islanders with 58 goals during the season, had suffered a right shoul-

der separation and a concussion. The incident developed after Turgeon scored on Don Beaupre from ontside the crease, then turned to start pumping his fist in the time-honored bockey tradition. But he didn't have much time to. finish as Hunter plowed into Tur liant outings.

"I-played poorly in Game 5 and geon and sent bim into a crumpled beau at the boards.

> "I didn't see the puck go in the check. It was a clean check."

heap at the boards.



Ray Ferraro celebrating with goalie Glems Healy after the Islanders 5-3 triumph over the Capitals.

In Playoff Debut, Hornets Don't Fear Venerable Celtics

All those championship banners and retired uniform oumbers at Boston Garden must be

"It doesn't mean nothing to us," Kenny Gattison said of the Celocs' tradition of playoff success. "We don't have enough sense to worry about it. This is

intimidating for the Charlotte

our first playoffs, and we're just pumped up." Flying against caution, the Homers have admitted that they would rather play fourth-place Boston in the first round of the Nacional Basketball Association playoffs, beginning Thursday night, than New York, Chicago or Cleveland, the top three teams

in the Eastern Conference. With Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson leading the way, the Hornets have reason to be

optimistic,
"We know Boston can't run with us and we need to take that advantage," Mourning said. "I think we can overpower then with our endurance and speed." When [the ball] is in my bands, they're going to have to run with me," said the point guard Muggsy Bogues, who is recovering from a groin injury, but says he is 90 percent of full

strength.
Other playoff series beginning Thursday were San Antonio at Portland and the Los Angeles Clippers at Houston in the Western Conference, and New Jersey at Cleveland in the East. On Friday night, it is the Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix, At-

lanta at Chicago, Indiana at New York and Utah at Scattle. The Celtics, with Sherman

guard, believe they can run with the younger Hornets, Kevin Gamble, Reggie Lewis and Xavier MeDaniel also like that style.

Brown appears recovered from a minor hip injury. Kevin MeHale is bothered by a sore back, but probably will play. MeHale, believed to be on the verge of retiring, is crucial if Boston is to cope with the rebound-

ing of Mourning and Johnson.
"We just have to make sure
that we slow Muggsy up," Lewis
said. "We can't allow him to get With Alonzo Mourning and

Larry Johnson leading the way, the Hornets have reason to be

optimistic.

into the heart of our defense. breaking us down and dishing off to the big guys cutting to the

In the West, Phoenix had 23 more regular-season victories than the Lakers, a 5-0 sweep of the season series and its lucky wrist baods as advantages against the Lakers.

Lucky wrist bands? The Suns' guard Danny Ainge began the practice of wearing s rubber band on his left wrist. Now he and his teammates Dan Majerle and Frank Johnson are

doing it, and Majerle was wear-

footer (10 meters) at the buzzer that beat the Lakers, 115-114, on April 6 and gave the Suns the 5-0

"I'm wearing em for luck." said Majerle, who sometimes carries as many as four. "When they wear out, I just break out a new bag.

when he was with the Celtics. He up. Then be saw Maurice Checks of Philadelphia wearing a rubber band on his wrist.

we walked onto the floor for the opening tip, I showed him my wrist and said, 'Hey, Mo, I've got the rubber band this time.' It was meant as a joke. Funny thing is, I had s buge game. I've just been doing it ever since."

"Majerle put one on, and his shots immediately began to fall," Ainge said.

teams with a losing record, the Lakers are the eighth seed in the

SIDELINES

Sayyedati Is 1,000 Guineas Winner

NEWMARKET, England (AP) - Walter Swinburn rode Sayyedati victory in the 1,000 Guineas on Thursday, the third time in five years the jockey has won the opening race of England's classic series.

Swinburn held Sayyedati off the pace until the halfway mark, and the charged through on the rail to win the one-mile race for 3-year-old fillie Sayyedati, trained in England by Clive Brittain and owned by Mohan med Obaida, won by half a length over Niche, ridden by Lester Piggot Favored Elizabeth Bay, a French-trained filly, never got up with th leaders in the 12-horse race and finished eighth.

French Beat Swiss in World Hockey

MUNICH (AP) - France scored twice in the last period to be Switzerland, 3-1, on Thursday and avoid the relegation game at the World lee Hockey Championship.

It was a bitter disappointment for the Swiss, who finished fourth at last

year's tournament after reaching the semifinals. Switzerland is now in danger of having to qualify for next year's Winter Olympics in Lillchammer, Norway. In the second game of the first round in the relegation playoff, Norway was to play Anstria late Thursday.

Switzerland went ahead at 6:17 of the game on a power-play goal by

center Felix Hollenstein. Left wing Peter Almasy tied the score at 13:56 flicking the puck into the net unassisted, barely reaching with his stick from behind the cage. He also gave France the lead for good at 4:43 of the third period. Pierrick Mais completed the French victory, scoring on a empty net with one second remaining in the game.

Serb Basketball Star Injures Head

ATHENS (AP) - Slobodan Jankovic, a Serbian basketball star, was in danger of becoming a paraplegic on Thursday after he rammed his head against a cement support to protest a referee's call during a semifinal game for the Greek championship.

The incident occurred Wednesday night with six minutes left to go and Panionios four points behind Pananhinaikos of Athens. Despite Jankovic's 17 roints and sight defension play. Pearthinaikos used to comin 66.

vic's 17 points and tight defensive play, Panathinalkos went on to win 65-58 to qualify for the final against Olympiakos Piracus.

With several players fighting for a rebound, the referee called a fifth foul on Jankovic, who reacted anguly. Waving his arms in disbelief that he had fouled out, Jankovic suddenly moved toward the end line and

rammed his head against the cement blocks supporting the basket. He bounced back and slumped to the floor in a pool of blood. The team doctor said on Thursday that it was "99.99 percent certain Jankovic's legs will be paralyzed, while his arms will be partially disabled." The 2.06-meter (6-foot, 8-inch) center played for Red Star of Belgrade before moving to Panionios of Athens last year.

Cowboys Meet Skins in '93 Opener NEW YORK (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys, the National Football

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, the National Pootball League Super Bowl champions, will open their 1993 season with a Monday night matchup against the Washington Redskins, their traditional rivals, at RFK Stadium on Sept. 6.

The Buffaho Bills, losers of the last three Super Bowls, will open at home against New England on Sept. 5, the NFL announced Wednesday. The NFL playoffs will begin with wild-card games on Jan. 8-9. The divisional playoffs will be held Jan. 15-16, with the winners advancing to the AFC and NFC championship games on Jan. 23. The Super Bowl will be Jan. 30 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

For the Record

The former German soccer international Bernd Schuster, 33, is to move back home from Atletico Madrid to Bayer Leverkusen oext season. Schuster has not played in the Bundesliga for 13 years after moving to Spzin to join Barcelona from Cologne in 1980 and then moving on to Real Madrid and Atletico. He played for the German national team from 1979 to 1984

England's succer midfielder Paul Gascoigne was undergoing an opera-tion on a broken checkbone on Thursday after being elbowed in the head by Jan Worters during the the World Cup qualifier against the Netherands on Wednesday.

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OTTAWA—Signed Chad Penney, left wing.
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COLLEGE

NCAA—Normed Brandi Brooks, Mass Oreskovk, Brenden Coosey, Chris Wilson, Calvin Bowers, Erik Medeau, Tomin Fisher, Julie Filpus and Lynes Kroskouskas to studeni-ethilete advisory committee.

SENIOR BOWL—Named Steve Hale executive director.

SIENA—Named John D'Argento athletic director, Jarming White, basketbell gward, withdrew from school.

S. CAROLINA—Named Erika Austin and Michelle Schmitt assistant goarts information directors.

SOUTHWESTERN, KAN.—Named Manty Lewis tootball coach.

SPRINGFIELD—Named Briti Brewer mans cross country coach.

SUNY-ALBANY—Named All! Richards athletic director, effective July 1.

SYRACUSE—Mike Coviery, sophomore quarterback, will fransfer to James Maddison, TEXAS A&M—John David Crow, athletic director, resigned.

Ainge started the practice remembered seeing Wilt Chamberlain wearing rubber bands around his socks to keep them

"Cheeks proceeded to work me over in that game," Aingr said. "He put up some bug numbers. Anyway, the next tim we played Philly. I thought I. try to mess with Cheeks a little."

"I put a rubber band on my left wrist," he continued. "When

Ainge suggested Majerie start wearing a band as a way to break out of a shooting shump.

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The Suns' 62-20 record was the best in the NBA this season and the best in franchise history. Los Angeles was 39-43, good only for fifth in the Pacific Division.

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TRANSACTIONS

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CALIFORNIA—Extended contract of Buck
Rodgers, manager, through 1975.
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Plantier, outfleider, on 13-day disobled list
retroactive to April 26.
SAN FRANCIBCO—Activated Bud Black,
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OBSERVER

My Unaccomplishments

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK —I was startled lo read in Art Buchwald's syndicated humor column the other day that he does not play golf. I know for a fact he plays polo, because when I first met him years ago in Srinagar he challenged me to a chukkar.

l had 10 confess 1 couldn't even ride a horse, much less play polo. So be challenged me to water polo. and I had to admit I'd flunked

high-school swimming-"Never mind." he said, inviting me into a club for chotapegs at the bar. We could play the match game to decide who paid the bill, be said. "Sorry, old chap." I told him, for India was still Brinsb that year, "but I don't know what a chotapeg is, never learned to play the match game and have been blackballed from this club.

Whether because of the blackballing or my impressive list of un-accomplishments 1 do not know, but be cut me in Calcutta next time I saw him. I had read in The Ronald Colman of India Times that Buchwald had challenged the viceroy to a bit of pigsticking. Not surprisingly, the C. Aubrey Smith Arena proved to be sold out when I sought a ticket for the event.

I say "not surprisingly" because arenas, stadiums, theaters and even

A Turkish Candlestick Sets an Auction Record

International Herald Tribune LONDON - A Turkish faience candlestick was sold Thursday at Sotheby's for a record £617.500 (about \$970,000). This is the highest price ever paid at auction for a Turkish objet d'art, or indeed any fre lamic object. It was bought by aure Soustiel, a Paris dealer in

or fiamic art. batuThe candlestick belongs to a Milt up of less than 10 pieces deco-185 d in dark blue on white and and Kidered by specialists to bave formir made at Iznik (ancient Ni-Sch) in the late 15th century. No from er piece compares with it for its before, clearly inspired from a me-in lic prototype, or for the detail of wore decoration, based on manu-

ript illumination.

gymnasiums showing high-school operettas are always sold out when I try to buy tickets. I never learned

to buy tickets. In his memoirs. Buchwald denied cutting me on the Squash Club steps that afternoon. He had just finished giving Rudyard Kipling the worst squash thrashing of his life and was too exhilarated, he said, to study the baksheesh seekers

After returning to the States via Penang and London, where my unaccomplishments were expanded by years of wondering what the point of it all was. I enjoyed a small reputation as the man you'd most bate to spend a long weekend with.

Besides not playing golf, tennis, squash, volleyball, polo, water polo, softball, hardball, two-hand touch, basketball, hopscotch jacks. croquet and Scrabble, I did not dive off the high board, jump fences on horseback, jog. hike, camp, work out on the weight machine, fish, hunt or listen to police calls on sbortwave radio.

When people said, "Just send a fax," I said, "I don't fax," I didn't dare speak the truth, saying. "I'm afraid to fax because I don't know how to fax, and I'm afraid if I try to fax I'll hit the wrong button and wipe out all of Fax World, and it will get in the newspapers, and I'll be too embarrassed to go dancing."

Ah, there was another truth I was hiding: I didn't want to go dancing. The not dancing worried me. Suppose Buchwald and I were sitting in Venice's Piazza San Marco one day during the Hoover administration when Clara Bow, the "It" girl, came to our table, took my hand and said, "May I have this

dance? I would have to say, "I don't dance, leaving Buchwald, who taught Vernon Castle everything be knew, to waltz her away in a fast Charleston

Now suddenly Buchwald is boasting that he doesn't play golf. I don't believe it, of course, but bearing a nolo contendere from the master of chic competence bright-ens my day. After all these years, unaccomplishment may at last be the wave of the future.

New York Times Service

Enrecast for Saturday through Monday

Polo's Back on Hamptons' Lush Lawns

By Peter Marks

T ERICHO, New York - Grab your mallets and your hip flasks. Have the groom saddle the ponies and tell the valet to chill the champagne. There is jolly sporting news, at long last, for Long Island's smart set:

It isn't quite what it was from the 1920s to the '40s. when the gilded clans of the Gold Coast, the Whitneys and the Guests, the Hitchcocks and the Phippses, played matches in their own lavish backyards, when the Duchess of Windsor or the Maharajah of Jaipur might pop in to present a sterling silver loving cup or knock the ball around for a chukker or two on one of the Island's 50 polo

Nevertbeless, after decades of decline, during which polo clubhouses were buildozed for expressways and fields subdivided for housing developments, the game is being played again on vast, lush lawns from Old Westbury to the Hamptons. Strings of polo ponies are being put through their paces in paddocks along Long Island's North Shore. Membership in the Meadowbrook Club, the Island's premier polo club, has risen from 14 to 42 in three years, placing it near its goal of 50 and among the 10 largest in the United States. Two new polo clubs have been established on the island in the last few years.

And, in the most significant symbol of the game's revival here, the organization that governs polo in the United States has selected Nassau County as the site of next year's U.S. Open, bringing the tournament back to

Long Island for the first time in 40 years.

While the U. S. Polo Association's decision is unlikely to cause a stampede to local stores for bamboo polo mallets - there are only about 4,000 active players in the United States - local polo aficionados are ecstatic. They say the return of the Open, which will be played here in both 1994 and 1995, is what Long Island polo needs to

"I'm just so thrilled about it; it's just overwhelming," declared Albert V. Bianco. a Brooklyn-horn developer who keeps 25 polo ponies on his estate in Old Brookville. Bianco, president of the Meadowbrook Polo Club which is based here and bills itself as the oldest polo club in the nation — is polo's No. I booster in these parts. Polo has become such a major part of his life that he has integrated it into his business, offering free club memberships to buyers of bomes in an Old Westbury subdivision be is developing named Polo Estates,

Polo — with its image as a tony pursuit of British royals and American industrialists who sound faintly British does not, of course, have the drawing power of bockey, tennis, or even tractor-pulling. Opens held in Indio, California, and Lexington, Kentucky, in recent years drew only a few thousand spectators. Even so, Nassau County officials who have never swung a mallet are describing the tournament's return as a major coup.

"The fact that the Open is coming bere demonstrates, in the minds of many, that Nassau County can compete with other geographic areas in attracting such sporting activi-ties," observed Thomas S. Gulotta, the Nassau county executive, whose office supplied a helicopter to take the association's representatives on a tour of polo fields in Bethpage State Park and elsewhere to persuade them to select Nassau over sites in four other states.

Gulotta, who says be has been riding horses in amateur rodeos since be was 4, predicted that polo fever will bring the crowds to the monthlong Open in September 1994,



and that the event will generate \$6 million in "tourism revenue each year. We are anticipating up to 20,000 spectators," he said,

Still, officials acknowledge, the networks are not exactly lining up for the broadcast rights. Polo's peak predated the era of television. In the first three decades of this century, Bianco said, polo was a huge spectator sport on Long Island, where many of the game's greatest players, like Tommy Hitchcock and Alan Corey, got their start. In 1928, a three-day series of games between the United States and Argentina, held on the original fields of what was then known as the Meadow Brook Club, attracted more than 100,000 people. Between 1916 and 1953. 28 of the 31 U.S. Opens were held at Meadow Brook, which was then in nearby Westbury.

"It was the beyday of polo when it was beld on Long Island," said Allan Scherer, the executive director of the polo association.

Will Rogers, who lived on Long Island when he ap-peared in New York with the Ziegfeld Follies, played at Meadow Brook, as did W. Averell Harriman, the former New York governor, who was a formidable polo talent. Bianco, who at 66 still plays, broke his wrist in a fall from his horse a few years ago.

"Genteel people can be rough," said Charles Leonard, 73, a retired stockbroker who grew up in Jericho and played in one of the last Opens beld at Meadow Brook in the early 1950s. His younger brother, Hazard, was killed during a polo game in Aiken, South Carolina, in 1952. It was during the 1950s that polo was muscled off the island, its playing fields — each requiring nearly 10 acres — coveted as residential and office space. In 1954, the land under the Meadow Brook Club was taken by the state for a highway. The club's name lived on in the plans of Long Island commuters: the state called the new road the Meadowbrook Parkway.

A few dichards continued to play polo as the club moved to Jericho. But to many, the demise of the old club represented the passing of a way of life on Long Island. Membership declined as many of the old North Shore estates were broken up or sold off, and the younger generation turned to other distractions, like golf.

But now, even in the face of a slow economy, polo is muscling back, largely as a result of Bianco's energy and salesmanship. Having taken control of the Meadowbrook Club in 1984 — the two words were combined during a 1961 reorganization — Bianco has slowly tried to rebuild membership by developing new fields and training pro-

The polo fields remain the playground of the well-beeled: polo ponies, bred mostly in the western United States, start at \$4,500 to \$7,000 and go up to \$200,000. And, Bianco says, you must have at least two. Membership in the club, which employs a full-time polo pro, costs \$4,300 a year for a season that runs from May to October. There are, of course, other polo meccas. There are clubs

from Greenwich, Connecticut, to San Antonio to Santa Barbara, California.

And though polo got its start in the United States in the Northeast, Palm Beach, Florida, is considered by many to be the nation's premier polo spot,

"But there is no club in the world that has the beritage of Meadowbrook," said Bianco, who fell in love with horses when he was a boy on the pony rides of Coney Island, "And I think we can bring it back to prominence."

PEOPLE

Saddam Murder Plot? A£1 Million Thriller

A former British Army sniperturned-writer has received an advance of nearly £1 million (about \$1.6 million) for a first novel por traving a fictional assassination of Saddam Hussein after a tighth wound deerstalking type chase of the Iraqi leader. The book is being compared to Frederick Forsyth's "Day of the Jackal," which was based on a plot to kill Charles de Gaulle. The London publisher Bloomsbury said on Thursday that the launching of "Shadow Over Babylon" by David Mason, 41, had been brought forward a month to this weekend because of overwhelming interest.

The gun that killed Jesse James brought £105,000 (about \$167,000) at auction by Wallis and Wallis in Lewes, England — almost twice a much as expected. A postal bid from an American identified only as McGee won the .44 Smith and Wesson No. 3 New Model Revolver that belonged to Bob Ford, a young gunslinger who shot James in Missouri in 1882.

Rumors abound in Manila that Imelda Marcos, the 63-year-old widow of Ferdinand E. Marcos. plans to marry the lawyer who represents ber in the United States, James Paul Linn, Mrs. Marcos firmly demes, contending that the stories are a government plot to -harass her and damage Linn's reputation. For his part, Linn says the rumors are not true, but that he is flattered.

Spike Lee finally made it to the University of California at Irvine for a talk postponed a year ago at the height of the Los Angeles riots. "I really wanted to speak that night," Lee told about 1,500 people during a speech. His limousine got caught in traffic on April 30, 1992. That was the second night of rioting sparked by the state court acquittals of four white Los Angeles police officers charged in the beating of black motorist Rodney G. King. Two were subsequently convicted in a federal trial.

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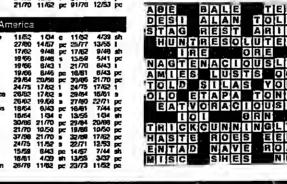
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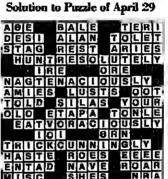


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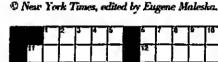
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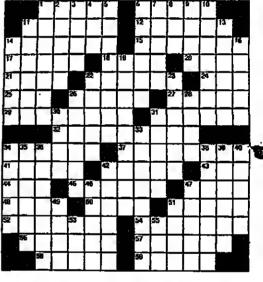
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BOOKS

LONELINESS AND TIME: The Story of British Travel

By Mark Cocker, 294 pages. \$23. Pantheon.

Reviewed by Jennifer Howard

66 F OR my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go, wrote Robert Louis Stevenson in his 1878 classic, "Travels with a Donkey," "I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move."

Traveling has been the great British affair for three centuries and more. Long before Stevenson set out, restless Englishmen were busy flinging themselves at "dark" corners of the world, exploring, mapping planting the Union Jack.

Though the empire that it belped create bas unraveled. Britons' passion for the open road - and for journalist Mark Cocker offers a scattersbot sampling of 20th-century variations on the old national obsession, and takes a loving, if rambling, look at his countrymen's need to move.

Cocker loosely drapes his narrative around travelers active during the first balf of this century. They include Wilfred Thesiger. Law-rence Durrell. Frederick Bailey. Gavin Maxwell. Laurence van der Post and Harry St. John Philby (father of the more notorious Kim). Though some, like Bailey and Philby, have lapsed into obscurity, most were celebrated and widely

Misfits and malcontents all. these footloose characters were united in a profound distaste for writing about it — persists. In the comfortable confinements of "Loneliness and Time." the British life in England. As Cocker writes. the comfortable confinements of "in the interior landscape of the traveler. Britain seemed to represent, and to place on his or her experience, some kind of limitation. . . . The central, unifying principle in travel books is that abroad is always a metapbysical blank sheet on which the traveler

> he or she would wish it to be.' "Loneliness and Time" looks at the disparate dreams, the imagined alternatives, that drew these travelers out of England. Thesiger in Arabia, Durrell among the fisher-men and farmers of Corfu, Maxwell among the Berber brigands of North Africa - profile after pro-

could write and rewrite the story, as

file. Cocker builds a collective portrait of people desperate to escape from the numbing conformity they felt pressing in on them in modern

For Frederick Bailey (1882-1967), hailing from a quiet Norfolk village, individuality could be had by reclaiming the high Victorian tradition of Livingstone and Stan-ley. Posted to India with the Bengal ancers as a youngster, he had no intention of wasting his time playing polo and shooting tigers. In-stead, be spent most of the years from 1903 until 1913 exploring the borderlands between India and Tibet, braving bostile hill tribes and difficult terrain to map the region single-bandedly.

Others pursued less imperial visions of nonconformism. Wilfred Thesiger (born in 1910), for example, found a life to his liking among the Bedouins of the Arabian deserts and the Marsh Arabs of Iraq. Some travelers, inevitably, get short shrift in "Loneliness and

Tune" or are neglected altogether,

WHAT THEY RE READING Helmut Schlesinger, chairman of the Bundesbank, is reading John teinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath. Generally, he reads "mostly German-language literature, some history, few biographies and never autobiographies," as well as "sim-pler American authors," such as D. Salinger and Kurt Vonnegut The Americans are easier to read

than the British." (Brandon Mitchener, IHT).



but certain omissions seem particucrowded chapter on Greece? As larly glaring. Why relegate Robert Byron (author of "The Road to Oxiana") and Patrick Leigh Fer-mor (wbo wrote "Roumeli," "Mani," etc.) to an already over-

> travelers (granted, they're a rarer breed, but merely naming Freya Stark and Dervia Murpby is no substitute for a serious discussion). ft's a shame that Cocker, having recreated some intriguing personal ities and rescued others from oblivion, obscures them again by wrapping them in a perplexing mixture of history, biography and literary criticism. "Loneliness and Time" has a terrific cast, but it lacks a

narrative, a structure, some over-

arching theory or history of travel

writing. Halfway through the book,

Cocker takes time out for a chapter

two of the most influential travel ler," in which he compares travelwriters of this century, they surely ing to a spiritual quest, airs a couple of theories about the deserve chapters of their own. The psychological makeup of travelers (lack of closeness to the male parmost recent generation of travel writers - Bruce Chatwin, Colin ent, rebelliousness, etc.) and rhap-Thubron and many others - gets barely a mention. Ditto for women sodizes about the age-old buman need to explore the world's great rivers. Ideas that, shaped and sorted through, could have been fashioned into a useful introduction become instead a strained digression at mid-book.

Fitful though it is, "Loneliness and Time" does suggest some of the vitality behind the ongoing British compulsion to travel for travel's sake.

Jennifer Howard, who writes frequently about travel and travel literature, wrote this for The Washington

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